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** ALASKA. Re 10-28: ``Glenn, I did hear Lady Ga Ga (announced as such) from KNLS, so they play even this type of music there, so your ears were likely not deceiving you! 73s, (Walt Salmaniw, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Yes, I now see you reported her July 8; is she bona fide Christian? Are her lyrix pure? (gh)``

Due to poor propagation and most of all bad conditions, have a long time without any KNLS signals around here. Honestly, I don't bother myself trying to track them. But what KNLS is doing? Playing games with their audience? Trying to be diplomatic with God and Luci[fer] at the same time? Lady Ca Ca (Shit for Spanish) has nothing to do in their transmissions. It's crap and bad music all the way. Something like a second half for mediocre Madonna. Well, excuse me. I'd rather stop here. 73 (Ra˙l Saavedra, Costa Rica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7355, KNLS, July 16 at 1201, Lucy Grant and Rob Scobey opening English hour with summary of magazine items to follow, culminating with Creation Moment, the anti-science feature over all these gospel-huxter stations. And ``music from the 80s, 90s and today``. Initially good reception likely to degrade as the hour wears on, but not for me, their stealth evangelism {and pop music generally from the wrong era}.

Also audible after 1300 in Chinese on 9920 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. Another weekday, time to seek LRA36 on 15476, but no carrier detected July 19 at 1309 when there was something on 15480, nor at 1419. Off the air? Daytime propagation on 19m has been pitiful lately.

15476, still no trace of a carrier from LRA36, July 20 at 1309 and a couple of later chex (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15476, LRA36, at 1417 checked on July 20 and had the same results as Glenn did earlier: no carrier! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. Still no trace of even a carrier on 15476 from LRA36, July 21 at 1237 and 1336. At the earlier hour, something detectable on 15480, and Turkey was poorly audible on 15450 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. 11710.8, RAE another station with severe modulation problems: July 15 at 0330, S9+20 with flutter, but just barely modulated, presumably scheduled French. Brazilians were in on 25m (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 2368.5, Radio Symban (presumed). 1240-1315, July 17. Usually is below threshold level, so today was special with perhaps their best ever reception; my local sunrise at 1301. Clearly could make out the Greek music and songs; believe was all non-stop music with no announcements; no break at ToH (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 4910, VL8T/ABC. End of fanfare at 0800, then ID for ABC news and said news by M. Good with RTTY QRM, // 4835 with CODAR QRM. 5025 naturally covered by Rebelde. (10 July) (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. QSL INFORMATION - HCJB AUSTRALIA

Dear DX-friends all parts of the world, Here is a piece of information on very unique QSL-card. The Japanese service of HCJB Australia is currently issuing different QSL-cards every month. These cards are not issued by the station HCJB in Melbourne, but by the Yodobashi Church in Tokyo. The address for reception reports would be mentioned at the end of this e-mail.

Now, July edition of its QSL-card is featuring a DX-pedition held from 25th to 27th of last June. The participants of this DX-pedition are

six Japanese men and held on a small island called "Katsurashima". You can see on this QSL card the group photograph of these participants taken near the pier of the ships.

Front row left: Gakuji Masuo, right: Masao Hosoya /
Back row from left:
Shin-chi Shiraishi, Kazuhiko Iwasa, Nobuya Kato, and Koichiro Ito.

This island, Katsurashima is located in the bay of Matsushima, near Sendai, one of the major cities in the Northeast of Japan and apart from Tokyo approximately 350 kilometers. As this island is under noise-free environment, so we hold DX-pedition once or twice every year.

This QSL-card would be issued for the reception reports in July, but if you miss to receive the broadcast within July, I suggest that you ask the Yodobashi Church to issue the July edition even after the reports in August.

Program schedule: Japanese service of HCJB Australia:
2230-2300 UT on 15525 kHz, Friday / Saturday only.

The address for reception reports:
HCJB c/o Yodobashi Church,
1-17-8 Hyakunin-cho, Shinjuku-ku,
Tokyo 169-0073, JAPAN

Return postage in the form of International Reply Coupon is necessary.
(Nobuya Kato, Kanagawa, Japan, July 14, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews 17 July via DXLD; also via Alokesh Gupta, dxldyg via DXLD)

** BAHRAIN. 9745, 0025-0040, R. Bahrain, Abu Hayan, 19/07, non-stop Arabic pop songs and music - fair-almost good with slight fading (Mikhail Timofeyev, Saint Petersburg, Russia, Sangean 909, 15 metres long wire, July 19, HCDX via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4700.1, RADIO SAN MIGUEL. Riberalta. 0310-0330* julio 11. PresentaciÛn en vivo de artistas desde el teatro de la emisora, acompaÒados por el grupo musical base de Radio San Miguel. A las 0328 con oraciÛn de la noche y padrenuestro, fuera del aire sin cierre. Interesante video en http://vimeo.com/2705812

4796, RADIO LIPEZ. Uyuni, 2332-2343* julio 10. Programa: S·bados especiales. Anuncios de Entel TV. A las 2339 con cierre de emisiones. Menciona transmisiÛn en 4795 OC y 92.3 FM. Buen DX (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Bogot· D.C.- COLOMBIA, JRC NRD-525 hilo de 30 mtrs, Visite : http://www.dxdesdecolombia.blogspot.com/ condiglist yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 3310.02, Radio Mosoj Chaski, 1140, Spanish, weak but readable with chatter between a man and a woman, Andean flute music bridges (similar to "El Condor Pasa"), reference to "Cochabamba." 14 July.

4699.988, R. San Miguel, 1113, Spanish, very good with talk by a man, time check (2 minutes fast against WWVH), mensajes, "Radio San Miguel" ID. 14 July.

4795.92, Radio Lipez, 1120, Spanish, general talk by a man. No ID, but did hear a reference to "La Paz." Fair, but suffering from weak CODAR. 14 July.

5952.46, Radio Pio XII, 1155, Spanish, tentative, sandwiched between two very strong stations -- CRI on 5955 and some other station I didn't bother to ID on 5950. But still partially readable in LSB with discussion by a man. 14 July (David Sharp NSW, Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, etc., dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 16/17 July Band Scan 2330 to 0010:
3390.056, Radio Emisoras Camargo, Camargo noted at 2340 gone at 2355
4787.78, Radioemisora Ballivi·n
4795.1, Radio Lipez, Uyuni 2359 (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R8 - Icom 746Pro DL - NRD 535D - 2010XA, 60 meter band dipole ~ Noise Reducing Antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 6025, 0908, Radio Patria Nueva fair but suffering from 6030 MartÌ splatter. Political speech in Spanish by or about President Morales, 2/7 (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWEs to NE, E and SE, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 16/17 July Band Scan 2330 to 0010
4894.91, Radio Novo Tempo, Campo Grande PR
4985, Radio Brasil Central, Goi,nia (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R8 - Icom 746Pro DL - NRD 535D - 2010XA, 60 meter band dipole ~ Noise Reducing Antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 6185, July 17 at 0040 with music in Spanish from XEPPM, no CCI so I conclude BrasÌlia is still absent from this frequency, unlike 11780, VG with Brazilian music at this time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn: Did you notice that ~0230Z thru 0500Z 18 July that R. Nacional da AmazÙnia was on 6195 kHz (yes, NINE-five)? Presumed XEPPM was in the clear in Metro Vancouver (Theo Donnelly, BC, WORLD OF RADIO 1522,

DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No; will have to check that (gh, DXLD)

Well, that was a one-day wonder: back on 6185 when I checked at 0155Z 19 July (Theo Donnelly, ibid.) Meanwhile:

Currently (2215 UT 17 July) hearing Unidentified Brazilian on 6195 kHz with live football commentary - typical echoey commentator in Portuguese with lengthy 'Goaaaaaaaaaals'. One of teams involved is Vasco da Gama (from Rio de Janeiro). Fairly good signal here in Caversham. Nothing obvious listed.

[later at 2315 UT:] Commentary is same as that online from R·dio Nacional 980 AM BrasÌlia (online has time delay), though I cannot hear any Radio Nacional shortwave parallels here (6180 or 11780). Maybe a move from 6180 to 6195? (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, AOR 7030+ longwire, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DXLD)

RNA was most recently on 6185, but has jumped to other frequencies in the area previously (gh, DXLD)

Thanks to Alan's tip, I also heard the Brazilian football commentary in Portuguese on 6195 kHz at 2225 UT tune-in, including what I thought was a mention of "R·dio Nacional".

A good website for checking fixtures, results and stats, as well as live scores, is http://www.wsn.com/football Apparently, Vasco da Gama (RJ) beat AtlÈtico (Paranaense) 3-1 last night. There are four Brazilian football matches this evening UT (18 July) so worth checking around the same time to see if commentary on one of these will be on 6195 kHz (Tony Rogers, Birmingham, UK, AOR 7030+ / LW, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DXLD)

R·dio Nacional this evening (18 July 2200 UT) audible back on 6185 and also audible on 11780 kHz with commentary parallel R Nacional 980 AM online at:
http://radiotime.com/station/s_44437/Radio_Nacional_AM_980.aspx

Only BBCWS audible on 6195 tonight, so maybe R·dio Nacional on 6195 last night a one-off or transmitter site error?? (Alan Pennington, Caversham, UK, AOR 7030+ / longwire, ibid.) Yes, see above (gh)

** BRAZIL. 11830, 2020, R·dio Daqui, new station first noted 30/6 with good signal. Popular vocals, frequent idents. Note regularly since to close around 2100 but sometimes up to 20 minutes later, 30/6 (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWEs to NE, E and SE, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, July NZ DX Times

via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 11815, July 15 at 0327 fair signal with Brazilian dialog, from R. Brasil Central. 11765 about same level with SRDA, wacky wailing gospel huxter David Miranda, but with ACI from Cuba 11760. And both totally eclipsed by big signal from RNA 11780. Also traces of Bandeirantes on 11925v, but blasted away by 11935 splash [see NETHERLANDS ANTILLES].

12175, July 15 at 0334, unstable distorted blob with hum vs CODAR, wailer David Miranda preaching again, and with some difficulty decided it`s // 11765 SRDA. But judging from previous Brasilian DX reports, the 12175 signal is a wandering spur from R. Globo, Rio, nominally 11805 as ZYE775, but unheard there, so rather a badly mistuned transmitter.

I have also been wanting to catch RNA 11780 sign-off time, or more likely abrupt cut-off. It was still going at 0335 but gone at next check 0355.

12174, July 20 at 0523, David Miranda, the wacky wailing preacher of SRDA, poor signal vs CODAR, unstable carrier with its own rumble, presumably the 11805 R. Globo transmitter totally out of whack. However, inband 25m Brazilians were not audible (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi, I think that Globo does not use 11805kHz anymore. Can you hear it, Glen[n]? I try this frequency almost every day but nothing. But on the other side some of the SRDA TXs are on the air irregularly so maybe Globo reactivated the frequency of 11805 kHz last night when you heard the signal on 12174 kHz? (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, HCDX via DXLD)

I was alluding to some previous reports from Brazilian DXers that the source of the distorted broadcast signal in the 12+ MHz range was the R. Globo, Rio, transmitter which was/is supposed to be on 11805. I also heard it a few days before on approx. 12175. No, I never hear it on 11805. We think 12175 is not a spur of that but simply a very mistuned transmitter (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, What you have noted about spurious emissions of Davi Miranda also occurs to Bandeirantes 6090 kHz. Sometimes I can listen to spurious in 5990v kHz and the main carrier is deaf. Regards (Sarmento Campos, Brasil, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

UNID Brazil. Best reception of a distorted audio noted around 2305 UT July 20 close to 12174 kHz, best on LSB mode, S=6-7 fair signal (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews July 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Re 10-28: ``6160.014, CKZU-Vancouver, 0801, CBC news by man, with several mentions of ìToronto.î In the clear and with no het, so presume (only for geographical reasons) that this is Vancouver. HOWEVER, the grey line at this hour favours BOTH St. Johnís and Vancouver. 7 July (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, SW7600-GR, etc., dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Don`t see how greyline would be possible, as it`s midnight in Vancouver, as dark as it gets, but near sunrise in NF (gh, DXLD)``

My version of Geoclock, at the time of reception, showed a sloping greyline, which went up the eastern coast of Canada, near St. John's; then flatlined across the middle upper third of the country, then a gentle slope to the SW over Yukon/BC. A bit of a stretch on my part with regards to Vancouver, but the software showed the greyline not too far to the north. (I double checked and sunset at Vancouver on 7 July was 9:18 pm, so greyline was an a couple of hours to the north). Take care, (David Sharp, NSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6160.03, CKZU, Oldies with songs by Judy Collins, Country Joe and the Fish, Janis Joplin, etc. M and W host. 0656 promo by M mentioning AM and FM, then back to music with BTO. 0659 partial ID mentioning Vancouver. 0700 W with CBC news in slight echo with CKZN. 0806 CBC World service [sic] Web site given, then program about spying and the Cold War. Fady and slightly weaker of course than CKZN 6159.96. Very difficult to separate the two. (10 July) (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD) So they were 70 Hz apart = low audible het (gh)

** CANADA. Sackville appears to be making unexplained transmissions:

6100, UT July 15 at 0308, the RCI IS loop with English and French IDs is running, which should have finished with Spanish and signed off at 0305. (And is it colliding with YFR in English via Guiana French at 02-03 on 6100, as per EiBi?)

9625, July 15 at 0507 tune-in, continuous tone test; that`s right after the sign-off of CBCNQ service, so apparently the carrier stays on with tone, and likely the source of my previous obs of same tone much later, July 6 at 0623, as in DXLD 10-27 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Right now at 0108 UT, I am hearing Radio Sweden on 6010 kHz and Voice of Vietnam on 6175 kHz, both from Sackville and 165 kHz away from each other. I am also hearing their mixing products. Radio Sweden is audible on 6175 + 165, or 6340 kHz. Voice of Vietnam is on the lower image frequency of 5845 kHz (Rich van Riel, NH, UT July 18, harmonics yg via DXLD)

** CANADA. 15235 and 17735, RCI, Saturday July 17 at 2005, fair signals aimed at Europe and Africa, respectively with ``Masala Canada``, interview about Vision TV. They pat themselves profusely on the back for being oecumenical, but not a word about Atheism. This focuses on their prime audience, south Asians. See http://www.rcinet.ca/english/program/masala-canada/home/ (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

MASALA CANADA: Episode 16 JULY 2010 at 01 H 00 (HE)
(Victor Nerenberg sits-in for Wojtek Gwiazda)

Vision TV is a Toronto-based channel focusing on faith and religion. With its eye on the rapidly expanding South Asian community, Vision TV is stepping-up its efforts to attract its attention. Chief Operating Officer Mark Prasuhn speaks with Victor Nerenberg. . .
[audio link, first 17 minutes]:
http://www.rcinet.ca/radio/index.php?language=en&type=program&media=audio&id=511
(via DXLD)

** CANADA. Just before ReVision Quest, I happened to be listening to CBC News via Regina webcast, July 17 at 1604, when they announced that the wrong ``The House`` was aired on the network today, and people should hear the right episode from web archive! I`ll bet the producers are steamed (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CTV SHUTDOWN BLUFF --- Looks like CTV's threat to shut down all those rebroadcasters last August was a bluff after all. Not only are the stations on that death list (such as CKCO-2) still on the air, but ones like CFTO-54 Peterborough will now not only survive as an analog, but will get a new life as a DTV...

"CTVglobemedia stated that it intended to convert its transmitter serving Bobcaygeon/Peterborough."

Although 100's of Canadian stations will likely disappear, the loss of "substitution" privileges (being able to override US stations on cable with their Canadian stations during program simulcasts), may be enough to keep OTA stations alive where numbers warrant, such as a city the size of Peterborough. Wrh ñ (William R Hepburn (VEM3ONT22), Grimsby ON CAN 43 10 59.4 -79 33 34.5, http://dxinfocentre.com/hepburn/ 17 July, WTFDA via DXLD)

** CANADA. CRTC PROVIDES UPDATE ON THE TRANSITION TO DIGITAL TELEVISION --- http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/com100/2010/r100716.htm

OTTAWA-GATINEAU, July 16, 2010 ? The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) today issued additional

information concerning the transition from analog to digital television, which must be completed by August 31, 2011. The CRTC is making this data available to assist the broadcasting industry in its preparations for the switchover.

Canadians who subscribe to cable or satellite television services will not be affected by the digital transition. Only viewers who watch television stations using a `rabbit-ears` antenna may experience some change in the way they receive television signals.

It is estimated that up to 857,000 households in larger markets do not subscribe to either cable or satellite. These consumers may need to purchase digital converter boxes to continue watching local stations on their existing television sets. The boxes cost up to $75 for each television in the home.

In smaller markets, some local stations may decide not to convert to digital, but instead rely solely on cable and satellite companies to deliver their signal to viewers. The CRTC will modify its regulation to allow television distributors to provide a free alternative to affected viewers in those smaller markets. These companies will be able to offer a package of local and regional stations at no charge to viewers. In order to receive the free local package, some consumers may have to purchase a satellite receiver and dish at a minimum cost of $300, depending on the number of televisions in the home. At most, 31,500 households could be affected.

Consumer awareness and education is a key component of the digital transition. Members of the broadcasting industry are expected to actively participate in the creation and implementation of a national consumer education program. Such a program should start no later than March 2011 to ensure Canadians are well informed.

At the request of the industry, the CRTC is prepared to facilitate the establishment of trial markets ahead of the August 2011 deadline. This would provide an opportunity to assess the adequacy of all measures for the transition, including consumer education measures.

73, (via Charles Gauthier, Brossard, QC, July 16, WTFDA via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DXLD)

? Is CRTC unaware of TV antennas any more sophisticated than rabbit ears? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** CHINA. Re 10-28: ``7270. PBS Nei Menggu, 1208, July 14. Has returned again with a good signal; // 6040 and 9750; QRM from very faint Wai FM underneath. Was great fun to be able to clearly hear Wai FM/Limbang FM (Sarawak) during their absence. Aokiís list confirms my

observation that PBS Nei Menggu went off the air here on July 8 (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Hi Glenn, The PBS Nei Menggu frequencies I heard (6040 // 7270 // 9750) would have been in assume scheduled Mongolian. I neglected to check for their scheduled Chinese broadcasts on their other two frequencies.

Thanks to Mauno Ritola (Finland) for finding on July 14:
ìI can hear 9520 kHz now at 2200 and I checked also 7420 kHz via a Japanese web rx and it is //.î

Now we know that all their frequencies have been reactivated! (Ron Howard, CA, July 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7420. PBS Nei Menggu (Chinese Service), 1241-1300, July 16. Fairly good reception of the opening ceremonies of the 11th Zhaojun Cultural Festival held in Hohhot; theme ìHeavenly Grasslandî; opening greetings; sound of fireworks; many musical selections from USA (ìCounty Roadsî), Africa, China, etc.; some English per the audio attachment. At 1300 totally covered by BBC sign on in Chinese and echo jamming by CNR-1, so switched over to // 9520.

9520, PBS Nei Menggu (Chinese Service), 1241-1330, July 16. Very noticeable hum that was not present on // 7420; opening ceremonies continued till 1330. A pleasure to hear this type of programming with such decent reception. This is what listening to SW is all about! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 15670, *1059'31-1155, UAE, R. Free Asia, Dhabbaya, 14/07, Tibetan, orchestral music, opening announcement, then news and long dialogues between YL at studio and OM by phone ñ fair during first 10 minutes, then poor with fading, local noise and QRM from CNR1 starting from 1101'49, // 13830 almost good and 17750 weak (Mikhail Timofeyev, Saint Petersburg, Russia, Sangean 909, 15 metres long wire, July 19, HCDX via DXLD)

** CHINA. MercoledÏ 14 luglio 2010:
2146, 8400, SOUND OF HOPE (Firedrake off) - IN/SF [in/sufficient]
2148, 7620, CNR 5 (Cina) - CC - SF [sufficient]
No Firedrake 2100-2200 18-7 MHz!!! (Luca Botto Fiora, G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova), Italia, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

** CHINA. Firedrake bandscan July 15: none at all found 19-8 MHz between 1305 and 1310.

Firedrake July 16:
14700, JBA at 1255. No others found 8-18 MHz. However,

15285, at 1256 July 16, open carrier, 1257 B-B-C- chimes IS in the clear, so I stayed tuned to hear the jamming start. At 1259:50 Firedrake cut on briefly over BBC sign-on, but at 1300 switched to CNR1 jamming with Mandarin IDs, way over BBC.

15571, at 1348 July 16 making het with equally weak 15570 signal. Signs of the radio war between the ChiCom and V. of Tibet via TAJIKISTAN, scheduled on 15570 at 1330-1430, per Aoki.

Also could hear a lower-pitched het from 15266 additional ChiCom jamming vs Taiwan 15265.

Firedrake July 17:
7280, fair at 1121, // 8400 but not 9040. Unlike the others, 7280`s victim is also audible, a 300 kW Sound of Hope via Taiwan at 11-13. Otherwise, it`s unusual to hear any FD below 8400
8400, good at 1118, not // 9040; also after 1205 and at 1237
9040, good at 1118. This one is not // the others. Also after 1205 but gone at 1237
9380, fair at 1157, // 8400 and 7280, not 9040. Also after 1205 but gone at 1237
10500, good at 1159; also after 1205 but gone at 1237
No others found up to 18 MHz.

CNR1 jamming, besides usual spots 9605, 11785, 11805, 12040, etc., also vs RTI on 11710 [see KOREA NORTH] making SAH of some 10 Hz, and // 15795 an echo apart, July 17 at 1241 vs All India Radio`s Chinese service, which the ChiCom must also block from reaching the People (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There is a strong Firedrake jammer on 11560 kHz this evening (17 July 2010). First noted at 1755 UT, off at 1800. But was there again at 1850 recheck, off at 1900, back at 1904.

Not sure what is on this frequency at this time that would warrant Chinese jammming. Nothing audible during Firedrake pauses on the hour. Any ideas? (Tony Rogers, Birmingham, UK, AOR 7030+ / LW, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

In such cases the default assumption is that usually inaudible Sound of Hope peanutwhistle jumped to the frequency, drawing the wrathful overkill jamming. Or maybe RFA moved from 11540? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks to David Towers and Steve Calver who confirm Firedrake again

this evening (20 July 2010) on 11560 kHz at 1650 and 1731 UT respectively. I tuned in at 1745 and again noticed breaks on the hour at 1800 and 1900 before resuming approx 4 minutes later.

Did a quick check this evening at 1800 and Radio Free Asia in Mandarin was jammed by CNR-1 on all of its frequencies: 7355 9355 9455 9540 9865 11540 11700 and 13625 kHz, whereas last night between 1800-1900 all frequencies were accompanied by Firedrake (Tony Rogers, Birmingham, UK, AOR 7030+ / LW, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Firedrake July 18, all // today when checked:
8400, inaudible at 1215, but very poor at 1217
9040, fair at 1215 and 1315
10500, good at 1218 // 9040 and 8400; poor at 1312
13100, fair at 1225 and 1311
13970, good at 1222; gone at 1310
14700, unheard at any of these times
15555, poor at 1307
15795, very poor at 1226 mixing with AIR Chinese and/or CNR1 jamming. Still very poor at 1308
15850, poor at 1226. By 1308, 15850 FD had risen to very good. Aoki does not have anything near this frequency, so we can only assume Sound of Hope had jumped here

15285, CNR1 and BBCWS Mandarin via Singapore fighting it out at 1310
15330, motorboating noise at 1309 and CNR1 Chinese vs BBC Uzbek via Thailand.

Firedrake July 19:
9040, fair at 1254
10500, good at 1256 // 9040
14700, fair at 1259, gone at 1347
No others found up to 16 MHz by 1300

15520, CNR1 jamming plus motorboating noise, July 19 at 1349; CNR1 was // but a reverb apart from 15285 vs BBC.

15520 must be today`s landing spot for V. of Tibet via Tajikistan at 1330-1400, which in Aoki list dated 19 July is shown on 15530 with *jamming.

Firedrake July 20, all //:
8400, JBA at 1258
10500, good at 1336. At this point in every hour there is a relatively quiet, slow melodic passage, with drums beginning to come back at :37
15140, poor at 1255, no others up to 16 MHz before 1300; vs SOH 100 W
15520, fair with het at 1336, very poor at 1355; vs V of Tibet via Tajikistan

15670, poor at 1337, very poor at 1354; vs RFA in Tibetan via UAE

[and non]. Firedrake July 21:
15545, poor at 1235; a bit earlier I was just hearing a tone/het. The 20 July Aoki shows ``15547*VOICE OF TIBET 1230-1330 1234567 Tibetan 100 131 Dushanbe-Yangiyul TJK 06848E 3829N VOTi a10``
No others found down to 8 MHz by 1300.

CNR1 jamming, in time order, no doubt also against V. of Tibet:

1334 on 15530, CNR1 + motorboating noise. Aoki has VOT in Chinese, not Tibetan at 1330-1400 via Tajikistan on 15530, but it`s a real jumper

1335 on 15520, Chinese not // 15530, het but no further jamming. I guess this was V. of Tibet via Tajikistan, momentarily escaping the jamming which was on 15530, but not for long

1336 on 15430, CNR1 // 15285 mix. VOT in Tibetan via UAE is on 15430 per Aoki, at 1330-1400. UAE site may not be as adept at jumping around but I think this one has also done that in past

1338 on 15560, CNR1 + motorboating has jumped here from 15530, but cuts off at 1340*

1340 back to 15530 the CNR1 + motorboating but only until 1341:30

*1342 now on 15570, CNR1 + mb + het. This time it seems to stay put past 1400 when the het is still heard but VOT should be finished (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. OTH radar pulsing, presumed from here, July 16 at 1158 on 7055-7120, with a dip around 7090, yes in the 40m hamband. Intruder watchers, get `em. Then at 1205, also found ranging 6875-6925.

7480-7530, OTH radar pulses, presumed from here, July 17 at 1122. A typhoon just hit Hainan, ``causing heavy damage``, says CBC News, but apparently not windy enough to blow down some antennas from this or the jammers (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7140-7195, strong OTH radar pulses, presumed from here, July 18 at 1242. Blocking Laos (if on the air) on 7145, but luckily Madagascar was in the clear on 7105 (USB + carrier mode). Still pulsating at 1408.

4750-4870, strong OTH radar pulses, presumed from here, July 20 at 1207; blocking RRI Fak Fak. Also 6035-6060 covered. Suddenly they have become fairly active again, in all the wrong places! (Ron Howard,

Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. 13650, CRI Portuguese via CUBA, Fri July 16 at 2325 was interviewing a Brazilian SWL, mentioning listening to RDPI, R. Praga and others in Spanish if not Portuguese. Never caught his name, 2330 abruptly into ``Aula de chinÍs, dia a dia`` language lessons. Usually crummy modulation from relay, pales by comparison to much louder and clearer RNV relay on 13680 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. CRI English service has improved in speaker sound, a handful of new locutors origin from the Western World, with British like BBC, NZL/AUS like R Australia, and US Maine-NY accent. Noted 7420 CRI English tonight and thought first - it was Radio Australia program (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, July 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA [and non]. 5954+, very weak carrier from ELCOR is still there, July 17 at 0045, but far too much ACI from 5950 Harold Camping mumbling and non-mumbling 5960 CRI Chinese via Sackville, to make out any audio on 5954. At 0100 with 5960 off, jamming noise now blots 5955, could not detect it earlier, so the DentroCubans apparently think R. Rep˙blica is still being carried on 5954 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CROATIA. 3985.00, Croatian Radio Deanovec was back on EVEN channel July 19, at 2305 UT, S=9+10dB. Newscast in Croatian. Previously TX wandered down up to 250 ... 500 Hertz in past months.

Also morning service 7320.00 even July 20 at 0830 UT fair 10 kW signal, -- but daytime attenuation, only S=7 and some noise (Wolfgang B¸schell, Germany, July 20, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CROATIA [non]. 9925, V. of Croatia, July 15 at 0458 some enjoyable ethnic music, just before 0500 brief announcement in presumed Croatian, unusual timesignal consisting of three beeps spaced more than one second apart, and off the air. After overlapping with Wertachtal, the final two hours 0300-0500 are only via Nauen, east GERMANY site. On Sept 7, scheduled to resume 7375 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 5970, 0902, Radio Havana on extended schedule in English 19/6, fair with news (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWEs to NE, E and SE, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** CUBA [and non]. 6150, RHC one more time in English instead of

scheduled Spanish, July 15 at 0527 with music // 6060, 6010, 5970, while 6120 stayed in Spanish.

Crummy propagation on 19m, July 15 at 1302, RHC on 15120, 15360 and 15380 but only poor signals. Nevertheless, 15360 with whine also audible on plus and minus 50 kHz spurs, 15410 stronger than 15310 JBA with same pitch whine.

At 1305 check, 13680 was missing as often happens, while 13780 was good, but consequently no 13880 or 13580 leapfrog spurs possible.

RHC Spanish, July 17 at 0043 check: 5970, 6000, 6060, 6110, 6120. 5040 which should have been in French, was off the air as it has been a lot lately, tho 5025 Rebelde was audible as usual.

Checking for English, at 0101, 6000 and better 5970, the rest in Spanish. One YL introduced Ed Newman and Ann(e) Sullivan as ``news anchors`` starting at 0102.

The RHC schedule at
http://www.radiohc.cu/espanol/c_frecuencia/frecuencias.htm
still does not show anything on 5970 before 0100, just: 01-05 English and 07-11 Spanish, tho it`s consistently in English at 05-07 too. Perhaps that is what should go in the blank space for English to San Francisco at 05-07! This sked has been amended, however, to show 6150 with English instead of Spanish at 05-07, as we have been logging it the past week.

5990, at 0050 and several earlier chex during the hour July 17, nothing but open carrier. Supposed to be CRI relay in Spanish.

9490, at 1158 July 17, whining jamming, presumably leftover against R. Rep˙blica, Sackville, at 23-02 only. Gone after 1200.

11775, PMS Anguilla with pulse jamming, July 17 at 1201, leftover from R. MartÌ at 23-03 only.

Unlike the morning before, this time 13780 was the missing frequency at 1340, while 13680 was on. By 1432 both were on for ``Cancionero Iberoamericano`` music, but 13680 had a big hum and lower modulation. Leapfrog also on 13880, not audible on 13580. See also CHINA [non], COSTA RICA [and non], VENEZUELA [non]

RHC anomalies July 18: 9525 still on the air at 0512 in Spanish with repeat of ``Revista de la Noche``. Supposed to finish at 0500; fortunately nothing else scheduled on 9525 into the madrugada.

That might explain why transmitter for 6010 was missing at 0526, when

on 6150 I was astounded to hear an announcement in Esperanto, about the 95a Universala Kongreso de Esperanto, Havano, 17-24 julio. By the time I checked the English // channels 5970 and 6060 at 0527, they and 6150 were back in English.

So was the weekly Esperanto semihour just ending, retimed to 0500 instead of 0700 Sundays? Apparently so, since at 0528 `Ed Newman` made it clear he was *starting* the one-hour English broadcast. Perhaps this week only, there will be more specials or changes in Esperanto from RHC, as this is a Very Big Deal for Cuba.

9490, VOA Korean via THAILAND, July 18 at 1213 marred by pulse jamming, not DPRK-like, but DCJC-like, totally out of the time when ``needed`` against Radio Rep˙blica via Sackville on 9490 at 23-02 weeknights. See also VENEZUELA [non]

11760, at 2017 Sunday July 18, checking for RHC DXers Unlimited at its new Sunday time, but just open carrier with bits of distorted modulation. Wiggle that patchcord! It`s the only English frequency for this broadcast, so no Arnie, SOB. 2027, can recognize fragments of ``El Condor Pasa``; 2033 more bits of modulation, and I realize at 2037 that 11760 is attempting to emit in Spanish, not English anyway, since it matches 11730.

Things are SNAFU at RHC, since 12030 is not in Spanish but Arabic // 15370 at 2040 check, an echo apart. Arabic supposed to be on 15370 only. Furthermore:

13750, the frequency supposedly used only for ``AlÛ, Presidente`` when El Hugazo feels like doing a Sunday afternoon show from Venezuela, which after several week`s absence was confirmed on air at 1630 UT July 18, was still transmitting when next checked at 2019 but open carrier interrupted now and then for a few words of Spanish which proved to be an echo apart from RHC itself on // 11730, 15380, a bit of Andean music, and concluding a secret replay of ``Formalmente Informal`` concerning Ecuador. At 2021:30, audio stops on all three frequencies, and 13750 goes off at 2022*. Presumably that was just spillover after whenever Ch·vez finished.

12030, July 19 at 2024, RHC in Portuguese an echo apart from // 15370 which is supposed to be the only frequency. Ditto Arabic after 2030. No spurs audible from 12030, but weak.

11760, unlike the day before, on the air in English and with adequate modulation, July 19 at 2032 with report on the Esperanto Congress. At 2105 off the air when supposed to be in French.

11730, not noticed earlier in the hour, but July 19 at 2039, RHC

Spanish is about 10 dB stronger than English on 11760 --- but just barely modulated. 11730 is normally a much weaker signal. So they switched around transmitters and/or antennas, but what`s the point without decent modulation?? 11730 still JBM at 2105 in Spanish.

11760 was previously used for English past 0500, but seldom heard lately, or in Spanish. However, July 20 at 0518, there it is, RHC VG in English; 25m is hot tonight. Is this on the schedules at http://www.radiohc.cu/espanol/c_frecuencia/frecuencias.htm or http://www.radiohc.cu/ingles/c_frecuencia/frecuencias.htm ? of course not!

At 0529 I check 49m to see what configuration of English and Spanish is in effect tonight. 5970, 6060 and 6150 are in English, Ed plugging ``Real Audio`` even tho it isn`t that format. 6010 is still missing, maybe that transmitter is now on 11760? Or 9525, as at 0531 it`s still running in Spanish with heavy hum // 6120, 6110 and 5040.

6120 and 6110? An echo apart. 6110 is supposed to switch to 6150 at 0500, whatever the language, in order to avoid colliding with NHK via Sackville, English at 0500-0530 only. Wish I had tuned in before 0530 to confirm such a clash.

12030, at 1245 July 20, interview about Esperanto, the subject carefully speaking the artificial language, responding to comments in Spanish. Now 12030 has the 12000 and 12060 spurs with buzz in between, but weakly (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RHC, is it SNAFU or FUBAR? SNAFUBAR covers it. 12030 which supposedly is Spanish-only, after excursions into Portuguese and Arabic at 20-21, July 20 at 2014 check was back to Spanish. And also July 21 at 2035. But now 12030 is // 11760, which means the latter/lower is in Spanish instead of English. By 2124, 11760 had resumed is nominal schedule, an hour of French. And at 2035, only 15370 was in Arabic (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. 9490-, July 21 at 2300, R. Rep˙blica signing on with program summary for 21 de julio. Definitely on the low side, tho unseems as much as 80 Hz, where Wolfgang B¸schel measured it 23 hours earlier, 9489.92, leading him to think it might be from somewhere other than Sackville as overtly scheduled. But the big signal here must be from a major site such as SAC, well atop the jamming at the outset. I`m afraid Sackville is capable of being considerably off-frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DJIBOUTI [non]. 17880, La Voix de Djibouti, Jul 01 *1200-1226, 25232-35433, Arabic, 1200 sign on with national anthem, Koran, Opening

announce and ID, Talk.

17880, La Voix de Djibouti, Jul 08, *1200-1210, 25332, Arabic, 1200 sign on with national anthem, Koran, ID and opening announce, Talk, (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan Premium July 16 via DXLD) Thursdays only

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 6025.06, R. Amanecer Internacional, 1030 soft religious music in Spanish. 1031 one canned announcement by W, then one singing jingle, and back to music. Short canned announcement by M at 1039, but all I could copy was mention of "familia". Another one at 1047 with mention of "CorazÛn", and again at 1053. 1059 canned announcement by M with clear mention of Santo Domingo, then canned discussion by M and W to 1101, and canned "R. Amanacer Internacional" ID with AM and SW frequencies given. More canned announcements. Fading slowly, but horrible slop QRM from 6030 [DCJC/MartÌ]. (17 July) 73 (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. 16/17 July Band Scan 2330 to 0010: 4814.95, Radio El Buen Pastor, Saraguro, Loma Loja (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R8 - Icom 746Pro DL - NRD 535D - 2010XA, 60 meter band dipole ~ Noise Reducing Antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 9305, R. Cairo Arabic, July 15 at 0318, Qur`an, not too distorted! Good modulation level too. This frequency has been horribly distorted in past and probably future. 9305 is on 12 hours a day, 19-07 UT via Abis, 250 kW, 315 degrees for Europe and North America. 11590, meanwhile, Arabic via Abu Zabaal site, 250 kW, 330 degrees at 2300-0430 was just barely modulated.

R. Cairo continues to exhibit horrible disconnect between program produxion and listener reception. Both studio and transmitter operation are at fault, often combining for impossibly audible and totally wasted broadcasting. Someone please tell Pres. Mubarak that heads need to roll at ERTU. Er, not quite so explicitly.

Altho earlier UT July 15 0318 as in last report, I had found Arabic on 9305 well-modulated, next check at 2340, signal is good, but only bits of audio are making it thru at modulation peaks, totally unusable.

11590, during English to western NAm, at first check 2308 or so was barely modulated; but at 2340 had good modulation during Arabic music. YL announcement which followed at 2349 was just barely modulated, and combined with her accent, made readability=1. Sounded like she was way off-mike in the studio. T-storm in the next county did not help either. 2352 recorded music resumed and once again modulation OK.

UT July 16 at 0011 check, 11590 just concluding lesson 136 of Arabic by Radio. Modulation good both in Arabic and English. Then live(?)

continuity announcement in English very undermodulated. And so it goes (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. Nile FM: It¥s my favourite hit Anglo station on Nilesat or any satellite and it doesn¥t envy anything to the coolest European hit radio stations, especially to the UK ones. Almost all the DJ¥s and presenters are native English speakers and it has all the coolest and well known syndicated shows you have to have along the weekend to compete: Rick Dees Weekly Top 40, Release Yourself, F*ck me I¥m famous, etc., besides local shows like Pepsi Top 20, Big Drive Home, etc. Lately they have a decent and updated web site, where listen on line is not geolimited and stream works. It¥s a hit station you can listen to without changing channel (Juan Carlos AragÛn, on Jul 19th, 2010 at 11:18, Media Network blog comment via DXLD)

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE RADIO NILE FM GAINING POPULARITY AS SHOWS DEAL WITH ONCE-TABOO ISSUES --- http://www.nilefmonline.com/

Since the launch of the European (non-Arabic) service by Egyptian state-run radio in the 1960s, listening to English language programs has mainly been limited to an elite class of Egyptians with Western tastes.

However, the growing popularity of the privately-owned Nile FM has taken English-language programming in Egypt to another level, as millions of young people tune into the station daily for a lot more than hip-hop and the latest pop diva ballad.

With its slogan as Cairo's No. 1 hit music station, Nile FM, which began airing in 2003, offers a wide range of shows, including morning news roundups and discussions of everyday life issues, from littering to romance, that conservative state-run radio stations would not dare to mention in the Arab world's most populous country.

Erin Fleming, who has worked at Nile FM for more than three years, has become a prominent voice of the station. The broadcaster from Detroit has been encouraged by the feedback she receives while introducing sensitive issues that were previously considered taboo.

"We discuss topics like prostitution, sexual harassment, women's rights, relationships and dating among others," she says. "Every now and then I get a phone message from someone who warns me from the repercussions of talking about such issues, but those are only from people who are in fear I might get harmed or something."

Tarek Abdelaziz, 26, spends a considerable part of his day driving to and from work. He says he finds the company of Nile FM helpful in coping with Cairo's incessant traffic.

The radio station's "traffic updates, which are the first of their kind in Egypt, are crucial," he says. "Their programs shed light on many thorny and important topics, providing us with an easy way of interacting, learning and freely voicing our opinions on any given discussion. I follow their shows when I'm at home too." -- Amro Hassan in Cairo

Source: EGYPT: English-language radio Nile FM gaining popularity as shows deal with once-taboo issues | Babylon & Beyond | Los Angeles Times http://bit.ly/asaT5F (via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

Same: http://tinyurl.com/2uosnup and:

EGYPT'S PUBLIC RADIO: IS ANYONE LISTENING? --- Nadine Emile
Can the radio survive mounting competition from other media?

From its vast headquarters on the Nile, the Egyptian Radio and Television Union still faithfully broadcasts public radio programs from nine networks. The programs cover news and culture, play Egyptian and foreign music, and feature talk shows and readings of the Quran, providing a wealth of entertainment and news for the Egyptian public. But is anyone still listening? --- http://www.almasryalyoum.com/en/news/egypts-public-radio-anyone-listening (via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, dxldyg via DXLD)

Most of the time they have a low audio level or strange noises as carrier. That is on Nilesat satellite. Other times they are off or not 24/7. But that is the same with the public radio station in the Arab countries. If you compared this to the magic of Nile FM, Cairo¥s Number 1 Hit station, also on Nilesat, you easily have clear what is the option (Juan Carlos AragÛn, on Jul 18th, 2010 at 17:13, Media Network blog comment via DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 6250, Radio Nacional, Malabo, 0608-0620+, July 18, Irregular. Spanish talk. Mentions of Malabo. Poor in noisy conditions. Weak modulation (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Equipment: Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA [and non]. Hello! I'm currently (1730z) noting Ethiopia on 7165, in French, weak/fair and there is a UNID station on 7160, in Arabic with approximately same level. Both stations suffer from local high QRN. Can someone help ID? Greetings from Portugal (Pedro Turner, July 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Maybe it's not Arabic, but a somewhat similar language (Turner, 1741 UT, ibid.)

My guess would be V of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, which per Aoki

goes from Arabic to Somali at 1730 on 7175 or 7185, but it does jump around. Anything on those frequencies? 1800 Amharic, 1830-2000 Arabic. (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Hello Glenn, Thanks for the info. Nothing noted here up the band until 7200 where arrives presumed R. Omdurman, in Arabic, also weak but less QRN. Greetings from Portugal (Pedro Turner, ibid.)

7160 & 7165 have a great signal here in south Italy (Roberto Scaglione, Sicily, ibid.)

Hello Roberto, I agree with Glenn that it must be VOBM Eritrea. reception to be improving a little with time. Can you check the ID? I expect to somewhat improve my antennas, next August, when I'll have some spare time (I hope...), and will try to restart my struggle against high level of man made noise. Living in a urban apartment is not the ideal spot for DXing!!! (Pedro Turner, Portugal, ibid.)

Now it's very difficult, signals are going down, no more signal on 7160... now 7165 and 7175. I'm recording... (Scaglione, 1828 UT, ibid.)

Hello! The station went abruptly off-air at 1821.15, and appeared on 7175 but suffers from awful Ham QRM. Thank you all for all the help (Pedro Turner, 1826 UT, ibid.)

'awful' is the wrong rating, JosÈ. According to ITU plan March 2009 this segment 7000-7200 kHz belong to Amateur Radio area also in Europe and Eastern Asian world, not on broadcasting section anymore.

Radio war between Ethiopia and Eritrea started some two years ago, when Ethiopia bought some 4 powerful shortwave transmitters for white noise (like DRM) jamming. I guess in next decade we will hear these African stations hopping around these 100 kHz on 40mb over and over again. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

Hello Wolfgang, By "awful" I didn't meant to take out Ham right to the 40 mb segment. Only that, in fact, there was a "awful" QRM. Despite not QRMing the bands myself (yet..) I'll probably be around that same QRGs in a near future! Warm greetings from Portugal (Pedro / CT2KET, ibid.)

Talking about Iraq and Afghanistan
Not a great recording, was better on 7160, 1832-1916 utc
http://www.bclnews.it/7175-1832-1916z.mp3
(Scaglione, ibid.)

** ERITREA [non]. 13820, V. of Eritrean People via Germany, Jul 01

*1700-1710, 35332, Tigrigna; 1700 sign on with opening announce, Opening music, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan Premium July 16 via DXLD) Thur 1700-1800 to zones 38E, 39S, 48, via Nauen 125 kW 145 degrees (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. GERMANY, 13820, V. of Democratic Path of Ethiopian Unity, via Germany, Jun 27 *1700-1710, 35433-32432 Amharic. 1700 sign on with IS, ID, Opening announce, Talk and music (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan Premium July 16 via DXLD) Sun/Wed 1700-1800 to zones 38E,39S,48, via Nauen 250 kW 145 degrees (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. 13830, V. of Oromo Liberation via Germany, Jun 27 *1701-1710, 32432-33433, Oromo; 1701 sign on with ID, Opening music, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan Premium July 16 via DXLD)

13830 is via Issoudun-France relay instead. Please forward to Kouji Sun/Wed 1700-1800 to zones 38E,39S,48, via Issoudun 100kW 126 degrees (Wolfgang B¸schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FIJI [non]. OFFSHORE PIRATE RADIO STATION PLAN FOR UNCENSORED FIJI NEWS

Radio Australia news report that an Australian-based opponent of Fiji's interim government wants to set up a floating radio station to broadcast uncensored news into the country. Usaia Waqatairewa, the Sydney-based president of the Fiji Democracy and Freedom Movement, says the idea is to put an antenna on a ship which would be located in international waters, outside Fiji's legal jurisdiction. The same concept was used by the so-called pirate radio stations which broadcast pop music to Britain, and New Zealand's Radio Hauraki, in the 1960s. Mr Waqatairewa says people in Fiji need the news that the Bainimarama government isn't letting them hear.

Transcript of an interview with Mr. Waqatairewa at:
http://www.radioaustralianews.net.au/story.htm?id=31124

Credit to Mike Brand on the Garry Stevens Pirate/Free Radio Board for spotting this item. (Mike Barraclough, July 20, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

?? Why bother? RA and RNZI no doubt inboom to Fiji on SW, and no reports of any jamming (gh, DXLD) Viz.:

PIRATE RADIO STATION PLAN FOR UNCENSORED FIJI NEWS
PHOTO Mon, 19 Jul 2010 05:47:00 -0100 [excerpt]

Presenter: Bruce Hill

Speaker: Usaia Waqatairewa, the Sydney-based president of the Fiji Democracy and Freedom Movement

WAQATAIREWA: We've got blogs and we've got internet and we also have a regular discussion program every Tuesday night which streams live on the internet, so it can be heard in any parts of the world. But the problem though is that internet access in Fiji is very limited at the moment, it always has been very limited. It's probably limited to about five per cent of the population in the urban areas. What we're planning to do is to if we could in some way set up a freedom radio that does not have the control of the regime in Fiji and be able to broadcast out the real news, instead of their propaganda and what they have censored themselves.

HILL: Well, how can you set up a radio station to broadcast into Fiji. I mean you can't base a radio mast actually in Fiji, can you?

WAQATAIREWA: I'm planning to put a boat out into international water. They would not be able to touch it, put powerful antennas up on there that would be able to then broadcast out to the Fiji audience on an AM/FM frequency.

HILL: Sort of like the pirate radio stations in the North Sea in the 1960s that broadcast pop music into the United Kingdom?

WAQATAIREWA: Precisely that. We will also broadcast the pop music they banned in Fiji. For example, they recently banned the Te Amo song from Rihanna which is a favourite among the young people of Fiji.

HILL: Setting up a pirate radio station's probably a pretty expensive proposition. Do you guys have the backing, do you have the money for that sort of thing?

WAQATAIREWA: Eh well, nothing is impossible. We are trying to talk to supporters all over the world. There are a lot of supporters for freedom fighters out there. The government actually promote democracy and freedom and the various that actually exist in their own country. They would like that to be exported around, especially our metropolitan neighbours, Australia and New Zealand would like to have a democratic and free Pacific Islands.

HILL: Are you suggesting that you actually getting support from the Australian and New Zealand governments for this idea?

WAQATAIREWA: Hmm, we're talking to them. The door is open. It has to take a political wheel in as you know. There is going to be an election in 30 days time, so at the moment everything is hanging in the air for the time being, but it will eventually get there once the

government comes in. We'll be able to then proceed onto something constructive.

HILL: What kind of programs would you broadcast? Your complaining that there is censorship in Fiji. Wouldn't your stuff simply be the same sort of thing, but from the other side?

WAQATAIREWA: Well, we need to hear the other side. At the moment, the other side is not talking at all. The other side is not being heard, which is our side. I regularly tune into Fiji One or the Bull FM which is the Fiji language station on the national broadcast network in Fiji and there's about three or four sessions there of just government officials coming in and bombarding the people with government propaganda, that the bridge they are building on this side or the agricultural show that is going on the other side or that Bainimarama has done this or Bainimarama has done that. The way they portray it as if it's Bainimarama's own initiative or if the money is coming out of Bainimarama's pocket. But when you look at the reality of this, the other flip side of the coin, is that this government has so irresponsibly gone out and taken soft loans from China and from everywhere else willing to give them money to be able to do this project.

HILL: You'll be transmitting from a boat. Boats can be vulnerable? Are you afraid the government might do something about the existence of that boat in international waters?

WAQATAIREWA: Well, that will be an act of war if it's an Australian registered boat or it's an American registered boat. As a matter of fact, we'll try and get an American registered boat and see whether they get to do something on it, especially in international waters. It's going to be piracy, or it's going to be an act of war (via DXLD)

PLANNED FIJI OFFSHORE STATION MAY USE A DUTCH SHIP

Usaia Waqatairewa, President of the Fiji Democracy and Freedom Movement, has told The Australian newspaper he is discussing arrangements with a Dutch group that owns a ship equipped for broadcasting. The Movement is planning to broadcast into Fiji from international waters to circumvent censorship (Source: The Australian) (July 21st, 2010 - 10:37 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** FINLAND. 6170-USB, 0745-0810, R. Hami, location?, 18/07, Finnish, OM talks with tentative ID and news at 0800'05, Finnish pop songs ñ poor-fair with fading and local noise (Mikhail Timofeyev, Saint Petersburg, Russia, Sangean 909, 15 metres long wire, July 19, HCDX via DXLD)

** FRANCE [non]. 17630, RFI Spanish, July 18 at 2125 marred by continuous hi-pitched hum, TDF Guiana French generator fault? YL host mentioned the burqa issue, gay marriage, apparently listeners` forum show as then put on a Spanish caller from Montreal who was dedicating a song to family in Italy, but host talked over it as she despided herself, breaking into French for closing pleasantries, cut off the air already at 2128:15* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGESET)

** GAMBIA [non]. Re 10-28: The Save the Gambia Democracy Project broadcast on 15225 did not appear on 10 July until 1821. It was a new programme in an unidentified language but sounded like it was produced in the USA. Talk (sounding like stock market reports or commercials?) over music, followed by a speaker in phone-line quality. 1826 dead air until 1828, ID which I didn't catch but mention of "Maryland" and several mentions of something like "Gambat". Transmitter cut off at 1830.

The following week, 17 July, transmission was as normal from 1815 to 1830 with a new programme in a local language identifying as "Baati Rewmi" (James MacDonell (Niger State, Nigeria), July 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. The 8/2010 issue of the Radio-Kurier magazine will include an interview with the head of the Ismaning station.

Herein he officially confirms that 6085 kHz will be shut down at the end of October due to insufficient listeners numbers. In October the public broadcasters will have to give reasons for keeping AM transmitters on air, and on this hearing they will have to quote such figures.

For some time the 6085 kHz signal was on air around the clock, with silence as audio content between midnight and 6 AM local time. Since 2007 they now switch off the RF signal overnight because this saves a lot of operational costs and it has been found that the transmitter can be switched on every morning without problems.

For 801 kHz it is under discussion to use it for Bayern Plus, a music station for elder people, instead of the currently aired on3radio, a youth station that basically is just a jukebox, with little live programming which recently has been further cut back (not that Bayern Plus would be much different in this regard). But no decision about a date for such a switch-over has been made so far.

BR folks had good contacts to their IBB neighbours. One day they got a phone call that "we have to told you that we'll be gone in three months". The satellite uplink, the last thing that remained there

after 1197 kHz had been shut down, has been moved to Kuwait. A few other pieces of equipment went to Lampertheim.

Critics comment that BR has simply to blame itself for the insufficient listener numbers, arguing that all these people that purchase a shortwave radio for ten Euros would be at least a potential audience if 6085 kHz would still run in AM. And making such a science of turning off the plate current overnight is quite remarkable as well.

http://www.ratzer.at/Ismaning2010.html
http://picasaweb.google.de/ferienradio/Ismaning2010#

The ex-1107 kHz transmitter is, as can be seen, still there (Kai Ludwig, Germany, July 17, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** GUYANA. 16/17 July Band Scan 2330 to 0010: 3290, GBC with music 2335 (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R8 - Icom 746Pro DL - NRD 535D - 2010XA, 60 meter band dipole ~ Noise Reducing Antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HAWAII [and non]. USA, 5000, 10000, 15000, WWV y WWVH, estas emisoras de seÒales horarias, transmtiendo desde Fort Collins y Hawaii, respectivamente, est·n anunciando, la primera con voz de hombre a las horas y cuatro minutos, y la segunda con voz de mujer, a las horas y tres minutos, que el dÌa 22 de Julio, entre las 1800 y las 1900 UTC, tendr·n un programa experimental de alerta de tsunami. El anuncio es:

"Your attention please, NIST Radio Stations WWV and WWVH will be conducting a test on July 22, 2010 of NOAA's National Weather Service Tsunami Warning Center. This test will last from 1800 to 1900 UTC." Escuchadas ambas emisoras, con los referidos anuncios a las 0703 y 0704, 19-97 [?], con buena seÒal en 5000, 10000 y 15000 kHz.

M·s informaciÛn en http://tf.nist.gov/stations/wwvoutages.htm (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, Escuchas realizadas en Reinante, costa del mar Cant·brico, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de cable, 10 metros, July 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I.e. timesignals will be pre-empted one hour for this, which seems a bit extreme (gh, DXLD) See also version under U S A

** HAWAII. TIME TICKS ACROSS THE PACIFIC - CHRONOHERTZ STATION WWVH

In our opening topic today, Time Ticks Across the Pacific, we present the story of another chronohertz station, this time the story of station WWVH in Hawaii. In actual reality, it is the story of two

consecutive chronohertz stations, one on the island of Maui and the other on the island of Kauai.

We go back to November 22 in the year 1948, and it was then that the first of these two stations was inaugurated. The location was against the coastline near Kihei on the lower west side of the island of Maui. At the time, three transmitters were in use, all at 1 kW, and they radiated the time signal service on exactly 5 10 & 15 MHz. The antenna systems beamed the signals from this new Hawaiian station towards the west for the benefit of American interests in the Pacific.

Interestingly back at that era, the station in Hawaii was turned off twice each day, around 0700 & 1900 UTC, so that the staff at WWVH could check the transmissions from the mother station, WWV, which was located at Beltsville in Maryland at the time. In this way, the accuracy of the transmissions from WWVH could be checked against the infinitely accurate transmissions from WWV. The time distance between the two stations was just 27 mili-seconds.

In July 1964, voiced time announcements were introduced and these announcements conveyed the standard time in Hawaii itself.

Eight years after its inauguration, the power level at each of the three transmitters in the station was doubled, to an output of 2 kW each, still on the same three channels, 5 10 & 15 MHz. Ten years later again, another channel was taken into regular usage, this time 2.5 MHz with a power output of just 1 kW.

However, at about this time, it was becoming very evident that a new station would be required. The shoreline had been eroded by 75 ft and the ocean waters were encroaching upon the station. In fact, the ocean was now quite close to the main building, and also to the antenna tower in use for the 15 MHz transmissions. In addition, there was no air conditioning in the transmitter building and corrosion from the tropical salty air was taking its toll on the electronic equipment.

During the year 1968, Congress in Washington DC gave approval for the allocation of funding for a completely new chronohertz station in Hawaii.

This new station, with a whole set of new equipment, was installed into a new building located on a 30 acre property in the navy base at Barking Sands at Kokole Point, near Kekaha on the south western edge of the island of Kauai. A total of seven new transmitters were installed, all made by the AEL Company, and all rated at 10 kW, except for one at 2Ω kW. The old station on Maui was progressively closed down and the new station on Kauai was progressively brought into operation in July 1971.

These new transmitters operated on the same standard frequencies, with 10 kW each on 5 10 & 15 MHz. The power output on the low frequency 2.5 MHz channel was just 2Ω kW at the time, though this was increased to 5 kW shortly afterwards.

For each main transmitter, there was also a standby transmitter. In 1983, two of the AEL transmitters were removed and replaced by three Elcom-Bauer transmitters.

On at least two occasions, hurricanes have damaged the WWVH shortwave station. In 1982, Hurricane Iwa cut off the reticulated power supply, and the station operated on emergency power for a whole week. In 1992, Hurricane Iniki caused considerable damage and the station was on the air for several days with just one transmitter, 5 MHz at half power.

Some ten years ago, new antenna systems were installed at WWVH and these are described as fibre glass whip antennas. Each antenna is encased in fibre glass and a copper wire runs the full length of the whip. In this way, corrosion from the salty air is minimized.

Currently, there is a total of eight active transmitters, primary & standby, at WWVH Hawaii. The main transmitters are powered at 10 kW and the standby units at 5 kW and they can be heard almost worldwide on four channels, 2.5 5 10 & 15 MHz.

The modulation level of the various broadcast services is different for each feature. The BCD time codes are inserted at 25% modulation, the steady tones at 50%, voice announcements at 75%, and the actual time pulses, the ticking of the clock, are at 100% level.

Back in the year 1977, it was announced that station WWVH received around 100 visitors each week and 200 reception reports. These days, they still receive many visitors, and they still receive a steady flow of reception reports.

Station WWVH at Kekaha in Hawaii can be heard at least some time of each day on at least one channel almost anywhere in the world. They readily verify all genuine reception reports with a three panel QSL card. You can identify the Hawaiian station by the voice of the announcer, a woman, speaking in English. If you have not yet verified each of their four channels, why not take the opportunity to do so? (Adrian Peterson, IN, AWR Wavescan script July 11 via DXLD)

** INDIA. AIR Guwahati on 9880 kHz --- On July 12th around 0003 UT onwards, I heard All India Radio-Guwahati on 9880 kHz in addition to its normal frequency on 4940 kHz & 729 kHz. Actually, my target frequency was 9885 kHz during 0000-0020 & 0030-0058. I wanted to

listen DW Radio-English News & Sports Report & then later from 0030 UT onwards the INBOX Programme. But as I observed interference I checked 9880 and to my surprise, it was AIR-Guwahati on its morning transmission in Assamese. I heard frequency & metre band announcement at least twice - only their normal frequencies announced with metre band. But the signal faded away after 0030 gradually. Perhaps it was due to some technical error.

Signal strength was good during the half hour and causing heavy sideband splatter on DW Radio-English on 9885 kHz specially during 0003-0020 sometime. I used my Grundig YB 400 Rx + external antenna. Later, 16th July 2010 as per my checking I didn't observe the same again. 73 & 55 (Gautam Kumar Sharma, Abhayapuri, Assam, India, via Alokesh Gupta, dx_india yg via DXLD)

2 x 4940 = 9880 kHz {unwanted} harmonic

Did you check this harmonic on various different receivers in \\ on same time? In order to avoid unwanted internal spurs in the receiver.

Maybe some vagrancy low power watts out of antenna / antenna matrix or nearby mast installations. Mostly not heard every day, depends on [Indian subcontinent] propagation condition. Wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, ibid.)

QSL Wolfy. on the dot your comments.

Harmonics & some spurious signals are generated at the transmitting site. Receiver generated spurious signals are also generated in the listener's receiver. So when funny signals are heard one might first think of such signal possibilities. 4940 second harmonic is on 9880 and is not a receiver generated spurious signal, so when propagation exists it can travel even thousands of miles. Sometimes the fundamental frequency might not propagate but the harmonic will. An example is 6025 Malaysia some years ago at noon in South Asia was not heard but 12050 was heard. There are many such examples. You might also check the 3rd and 4th harmonic when the second harmonic is observed. 14820 for Gwahati 3 x 4940. These days Japore on 5040 is having much transmitter malfunctioning. Might be worth trying 10080 kHz.

Spurious signals are also generated at the transmitting site when two transmitters operate at the same time when the difference in the two transmitting frequencies produce signals + and - the two transmitting frequencies. These again can be heard many thousands of miles and many hops away. A classic example was TWR in The Netherlands Antilles here in South Asia. Closer home was Chennai in the 7 MHz band 7160 and 7280. the difference was 130 kHz and radio

amateurs complained that Chennai was operating on 7050.

Receiver generated spurious signals are heard when external antennas are connected and the RF input is too much for the receiver to overcome mixing products within the receiver. Cheaper transistor radios are very often plagued by such and even some of my $1000+ receivers can not help getting overloaded by Tiruvananthapuram on 5010 or Chennai on 4920 as they swamp my receiver.

DX-ers should read some articles on the subject The first DXer who made radio hobbyists interested in Harmonic DXing more than 35 years ago is our good friend and much respected Glenn Hauser. I thank him for his great input. Regards (Victor Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, ibid.)

** INDIA. 4970, AIR Shillong, 1245-1315, July 18 in English with Sunday ìCountry Roadsî show with woman DJ playing C&W music; songs by Dolly Parton, Barbar Streisand [I donít consider her a C&W singer, but they played ìYou Donít Bring Me Flowersî and said it was a C&W rendition], etc.; local IDs. Not often I can enjoy this during summertime conditions, so todayís almost fair reception was nice, even with their ever present hum.

4970, AIR Shillong, 1235-1315, July 19. Another day of decent reception; DJ in English playing pop music; songs by Tina Turner, Bon Jovi, Enrique Iglesias, etc.; local IDs; hum (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

You know Ron, sometimes anything that has that rhythm is considered C&W by young announcers. And as you say, last night listening to Shillong at 1600+ how I wished that hum can be got rid of. Shillong is my favourite AIR regional and somehow I am obsessed with Eastern India and feel a personal loss when a disaster hits that region. My best AIR programme anyway is Aizawl 0030-0100+ with lovely lilting devotional music.

These days have been hearing Aizawl 5050 1600-1630 last half hour with excellent signals with China off the air at that time. BTW what happened to Urumqi 4980 which is off the air.

Again Sunday night 1600+ was hearing following AIR outlets carry classical sitar music - Shasthiya Sangeet??? my poor attempted Hindi (maybe a national hookup). 4760 P. Blair, 4800, 4810, 4820 Calcutta (dead on with China beating), 4840, 4880, 4895, 4910, 4920, 4965, 5010.

Following had their own programmes. 4940, 4970 Christian church music, 5040 terrible distortion, 4775.

Enjoying Drake R8 switching between 80m and 40m dipoles (G. Victor A. Goonetilleke, Sri Lanka, July 18, dx_india yg via DXLD)

Hello Victor, The programme was ìRaviwariya Shastriya Sangeet Karyakramî or ìSunday Classical Music Programmeî in exact sequence. Itís a national channel hook up that most regional (some in MW too) relay. My local MW had some other programme at the hour.

Last night it was a young Sitarist attached to the Dharwad (?) AIR as per the announcement. His father too was an AIR artist. I heard the programme till end. In my location in Eastern India, 9425 had the best audio followed closely by 4880 and 4810.

Aizawl 5050 features some excellent local choir. Come Yuletide and some of these choir perform in the national Doordarshan TV network. Great experience always. Cheers (Ashok Satpathy, India, July 19, ibid.)

Hi Victor, Urumqi only uses 4980 kHz in winter season, from November to April. 73, (Dmitry Mezin, Kazan, Russia, ibid.)

Thanks a lot Ashok for the info. In Sinhala we call "Sasthriya Sangeeta". Our language is basically Sanskrit and Pali based. Closest to Bangla and Hindi.

Would like to know where exactly you are located. When Aizawl first came up on SW I was hearing it before any info came on the DX scene as that was pre Internet days unlike today, when we see info when it`s just an idea of some Union Minister!! It was a thrill to listen to the station and then analyse the language and put it as coming from N. East India. I had never heard the city name Aizawl and I had to go thru my Indian Sub Continent map to discover it. My report brought in a very nice letter from the Chief Engineer.

I get up to sip my tea listening to Aizawl on Sunday mornings at 0030 and you stop everything and keep listening. Maybe in my poorwa athma I was born there. Hi! I miss Kohima 4850 now, another nice station. Of course Itanagar 4990, Imphal 4775, Gwahali 4940 and Shillong 4970; but the best of them all is Aizawl and Kohima. Regards (Victor Goonetilleke, ibid.)

Hello Victor, I guess Sinhala is more closely related to Oriya the language of Orissa state. Geographical area of the present Orissa state comprised the historical Kalinga Empire. There are well documented movement and interaction of Kalinga people with Sri Lanka including the journey of the Sacred Tooth to Senkadagalapura Temple in Kandy. BTW, Jeypore is the only SW (5040/6040) Tx in the state.

I too trace my ancestry to Orissa and can see the imprint of the Oriya names in there modern Sri Lankan counterparts. Of course I am historically challenged and ìstandard disclaimersî apply!

I live in Jamshdpur and you will be surprised to note that this small city used to have a number of Sinhalese folks in 60ís. Most came to work in the new hospital that TATA Motors established for it workforce. Purportedly a group of Sinhalese were met by chance in Chennai rail station by a Tata manager and somehow persuaded to come onboard. By 70ís some of them were also working with the main factory and the company run schools. Those days most English beat groups had one or two Sinhalese musicians. I still know one back from the days but its been ages since I met him.

Aizwal (and other NE India towns) are some of the most beautiful in India. I was fortunate to visit the region in the 80ís and still have very fond memories. People of the NE states are very musically inclined. The 70ís cult Indian rock band The Great Society was based in Shillong. This town supposedly holds the only Bob Dylan Festival in India. Music is deeply entrenched in the regionís indigenous traditions and everyday lives, therefore, it is only natural that the north eastern AIR stations get to showcase some of the finest musical talents in India. Incidentally, one of the founding members of The Great Society heads the western music department of AIR Shillong. Now if only he can be pursued to take care of that odious hum in 4970! Cheers (Ashok, ibid.)

Thanks for the lovely info. Is Oriya also close to Bangla? Maybe it`s not a Dravidian language? Oh yes many of the names like Jayapura, is identical. Pura is town/city in Sinhala. The history of our countries are very closely linked. I dream of the day when we can travel freely without visas etc. The Mannar/Danaskody rail and ferry is to be revived, hopefully soon and then it would be pretty cheap as well.

My wife and I watch a lot of NDTV and other Indian channels on satellite TV and I love the two guys who travel round India tasting food!! He took us the Kohima and also Arunachal Pradesh. Really beautiful and not crowded and the scenery is breathtaking.

We must meet more often on Skype!! Regards (Victor Goonetilleke, ibid.)

** INDIA. Re: AIR Looks to Buy or Upgrade 248 Transmitters for DRM

More DRM transmitters than receivers?!!! 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, dx_india yg via DXLD)

Ha...ha ..well said Jose !

AIR DRM TXER SHOPPING LIST (as per tender notice)

MW
  1 kW DRM compatible MW Transmitter - 1
 20 KW AM-DRM MW Transmitter 11
 50 KW MW Transmitter - 1
100 KW MW Transmitter - 11
200 KW AM-DRM MW Transmitter - 10
300 KW AM-DRM MW Transmitter - 6

SW
100 KW AM-DRM SW Transmitter - 2 (Kingsway, Delhi)
250 KW AM-DRM SW Transmitter - 2 (Aligarh)
500 KW AM-DRM SW Transmitter - 1 (SPT,Bangalore)
500 Watt DRM Transmitter for 26 MHz - 1 (Delhi)

FM
  1 KW DRM Compatible FM Transmitters - 13
  5 KW DRM Compatible FM Transmitters - 12
  6 KW DRM Compatible FM Transmitters - 27
 10 KW DRM Compatible FM Transmitters - 19
100 WATT DRM compatible FM Transmitter - 100 (Unmanned)

Regards, (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, ibid.)

Interesting fact as pointed by Shri Jose! Also interesting is that shopping list. I have read that DRM requires very less transmitting power. Does that 500 kW SW transmitter mean AIR will finally target US listeners directly? Since AIR Is making such an effort on DRM, what are buying options available regarding receivers? Can I buy a DRM radio in India? Secondly, does AIR have any DRM transmissions currently on air? If yes, then is there any way to catch it? Best regards (Ashok Satpathy, ibid.)

Dear Ashok Ji, 500 kW is rated power in analog mode. 250 kW transmitter at Khampur operates on approx 50 kW in DRM mode (7 dB below the original analog power).

Standalone DRM receivers are not available in India (although you can buy on net).

Options :
a) DRM capable SDR's - Winradio has a dealer in Delhi.
b) Mods, try these : http://www.drmrx.org/receiver_mods.html
c) Simplest one, use a 455-12 kHz converter

AIR DRM transmissions currently on air :

http://www.allindiaradio.org//DRM/air-drm-service.html
Regards (Alokesh Gupta, ibid.)

** INDONESIA. 3325, RRI Palangkaraya, 1209-1226, July 17. In BI with relay of the Jakarta news; after news and ID played choral National Anthem (Indonesia Raya) which ended at 1226; // 3344.96 (RRI Ternate), 4749.94 (RRI Makassar) and 9680 (RRI Jakarta). After 1226 no longer //.

4789.96, RRI Fak Fak, 1209-1226, July 17. They clearly have established a format of not carrying the Jakarta new relay on Saturday; poor to fair with CODAR QRM; DJ playing pop songs. DIGEST)

Anomalies for Monday (July 19), 1208-1230 ---

3344.96, RRI Ternate (presumed) not // with the Jakarta news. The audio was muffled so not able to confirm in BI; fairly sure was not // to the speech on RRI Fak Fak, but was a long talk. Did not sound anything like the PNG station.

4789.96, RRI Fak Fak also not // to the Jakarta news. Carrying a long monotonous talk/speech in BI with no breaks.

Was a good day for RRI reception and heard the normal Jakarta news relay followed by choral National Anthem (Indonesia Raya), which ended at 1230, on these parallels: RRI Palangkaraya (3325); RRI Kendari (3995); RRI Makassar (4749.94); RRI Wamena (4869.93) and RRI Jakarta (9680). After 1230 no longer // (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I confirmed the reactivated of RRI-Serui on 4605 kHz at 1000 UT on Jul. 20 with fair. Local ID at 0959 and Jakarta news relay at 1100.
http://www.max.hi-ho.ne.jp/a-ishida/ins/snd/04605-100720-0959.mp3
I was not able to receive it since last May [2009]. de A. Ishida (S. Hasegawa, NDXC, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 7289.78, RRI-Nabire, Jun 27 0822-0857*, 35333 Indonesian, Music, ID at 0846, 0857 sign off.

7289.82, RRI-Nabire, Jul 02 0827-0900*, 35322-35333, Indonesian, Music, ID at 0859, Koran, 0900 sign off (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan Premium July 16 via DXLD)

** INDONESIA. No signal, not even a carrier from VOI on 9526-, Sunday July 18 at 1212 during Japanese hour, nor after 1300 in English, nor after 1400 when CRI Russian had no het to 9525.

9526-, VOI back on the air July 19 at 1245, very good signal during Japanese hour with announcements, Indonesian songs. But lost modulation by next check 1316 during English hour, open carrier only. At 1343 bits of music were cutting on and off. Wiggle that patchcord! By 1352 music stayed on past 1357 when hit by CRI 9525 het.

As for totally missing on July 18, when I tuned in at 1212, Tony Ward in Ontario says: ``Glenn: VOI, 9526, Sunday July 18 2010, had a better than typical perfectly readable signal from TI 1105 (Chinese) through to 1207 when the carrier was abruptly cut.``

9525.9, VOI with VG signal and modulation this Tuesday July 20, only lite hum and rare audio dropouts, for another Exotic Indonesia joint produxion with RRI Banjarmasin, Kalimantan. Co-hosts two YLs, one in Jak and one in Banj, who chatted for about a minute between pre-produced segments. The one in Banj (I think) has a bit of reverb on her.

1303 news, still alternating items from Jak and Banj. 1310 the non-Mahendra guy from Banj has a talk about public worx in Kalimantan, marred by background speech apparently recorded on location. Next a talk about lowering the cost of the hajj by 26 US dollars.

1319 editorial about Timor Leste, something about seekers. Only at the very end of it did I figure out the word before seekers was asylum, since they were pronouncing it ASS-uh-lum. The main obstacle to readability is now the very heavy accents of most of the announcers, but E for effort anyway in trying to speak English.

1327 Focus about the president holding a meeting with economists on increasing prices of some staples. 1330 the W&W chat about prices going up for cooking oil. 1331 culture show about Banjarmasin incantations. 1344 after another W&W chat, introducing a YL jazz singer from Jakarta, a hit since 1990, who also performs in Japanese, and of course I can`t comprehend her name; music for rest of hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.88v, Voice of Indonesia, 1327, July 20. Very enjoyable joint VOI Jakarta/RRI Banjarmasin Tuesday program with very good reception, as already fully reported by Glenn. BTW ñ The jazz song was ìSayang Sayang Sayangî by Syaharani (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN. 13715, July 16 had some MOR piano music, off without announcement at 0029*. This is listed as VIRI Chinese service from 2330, 75 degrees from Sirjan, slightly off-target here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRELAND. FM SET TO STAY AS RADIO EXECS CONSIDER DIGITAL'S FUTURE
Sunday Independent By Christian McCashin July 18 2010

http://www.independent.ie/national-news/fm-set-to-stay-as-radio-execs-consider-digitals-future-2263311.html

Ireland's millions of radio listeners have been told they will not have to throw their sets away after the Government vowed it would not be switching off the country's FM signal.

Britain and parts of Europe are planning to switch off their analogue signal in favour of Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB), sparking fears that the same would happen here.

Standard radios can't pick up the digital signal, which would make them, and millions of car radios, obsolete.

RTE is already broadcasting DAB in parts of the country: the greater Dublin area; northeast Leinster; Cork city; and Limerick city.

It ran a trial for two years from 2006 to 2008 and now has a licence to broadcast on DAB. It has set up RTE Junior, RTE Choice, RTE Pulse, RTE Gold, RTE Chill and RTE 2XM, all of which are only available on digital.

Although some commercial stations used DAB during the two-year trial, none have since continued with the technology. RTE head of radio operations JP Coakley is a supporter of DAB and says FM is not good enough for the future.

But campaigners against DAB -- which has already been branded an out-of-date technology -- feared the Government would follow Europe's lead and plan a switchover to it.

However, a spokesman for Communications Minister Eamon Ryan told the Sunday Independent: "Ireland has no plan to cease VHF-FM band II. Ireland never had such a plan. "If digital radio delivery takes off, then it may be possible to phase out analogue radio, but there are many radios per household, so maybe 5-10 million FM radio receivers nationwide."

Former RTE engineer Enda O'Kane, who oversaw the broadcaster's technology for the northeast and parts of Dublin, has led the campaign against any changeover to DAB. "This is very welcome news," he said. "The fear always was that we would follow the digital route, making millions of FM radios redundant. "The other problem with digital radios is that they use up to 1,000 per cent more power than analogue radios."

But JP Coakley says that while FM was ubiquitous and had served radio well, radio needed an "enhanced functionality" for its future. "Very simply, FM is analogue, and we're going to need to do better than that. It's going to need to be storable, transferable, shareable, linkable, all of those things. And DAB offers that."

The British government is considering a U-turn on its DAB policy. It had set a date of 2015 for switching off FM transmitters, but has now decided to put the date on hold, and may even abandon it altogether, after a backlash from millions of radio listeners perfectly happy with FM.

Today FM chief executive Willie O'Reilly said: "What are the negatives for the consumer or the country if we do nothing? . . . In my view, none. "So technology is in a kind of flux. What we have is a heritage technology that is performing very well.

"So we should be slow to change. We should experiment . . . but very slow to damage something that we have that is so successful and which is so well regarded by the public. That's the thing."

The problem for DAB is the huge importance of car radio listeners. If car manufacturers do not embrace the technology by fitting DAB radios as standard, millions of motorists face the expense of buying new, compatible radios.

Mr O'Kane added: "RTE is doing its best to make us aware of their new services on digital radio, while the commercial stations are no longer participating. Is DAB too old and likely to become the Betamax of radio in recessionary times?" (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** ISRAEL. 15785, Galei Zahal, Jul 02 1451-1501, 25432, Hebrew, Talk and news, ID at 1457 and 1459 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan Premium July 16 via DXLD)

** ISRAEL [non]. 9955, WRMI relaying WRN relaying Israel Radio, July 15 at 0514 concluding news until next broadcast at ``12:30``, atop bubble and pulse jamming from Cuba, unlike before 0500 when R. Libertad is on. WRN then fills out the semihour with other stuff not on the online schedule, which misleads you to believe that Israel runs for the full 30 minutes:

0515 Pulse of the Planet, from NSF, 3-minute episode on wind turbines in southwest Minnesota; 0518 promo for CRI on WRN; jamming gaining and could not identify another fill feature at 0524.

WRMI has just expanded its WRN relay hours to UT:

Mon-Fri 0500-0830
Mon-Fri 0900-1100
Mon-Fri 1600-2100 [presumably webcast only, not 9955]
Tue-Sat 0200-0400
Sat/Sun 1600-2000 [including WORLD OF RADIO both days at 1730+]

To find out which stations are on at what times, consult
http://www.wrn.org/listeners/#wrn-english-north-america
and be sure you have the timezone cookie-set to UT or whatever you
prefer (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. NHK DEIXAR¡ DE TRANSMITIR TORNEIO DE SUM' DEVIDO A
ESC¬NDALOS --- Dezenas de atletas da AssociaÁ„o de SumÙ do Jap„o
admitiram envolvimento com jogos ilegais.
por RedaÁ„o Made in Japan 07.07.2010. Fonte:
http://madeinjapan.uol.com.br/2010/07/07/nhk-deixara-de-transmitir-torneio-de-
sumo-devido-a-escandalos/

A emissora de televis„o japonesa NHK informou, terÁa-feira 5, que
deixar· de transmitir o prÛximo torneio de sumÙ, em raz„o de
esc,ndalos que envolvem lutadores a jogos ilegais. … a primeira vez
que a NHK deixar· de televisionar um torneio, desde 1953, quando
comeÁou a realizar transmissıes do esporte.

Apesar de n„o realizar a cobertura ao vivo, a emissora exibir· os
melhores momentos e os resultados das lutas do Grande Torneio de SumÙ
de Julho, que comeÁa dia 11. Anualmente, s„o realizados seis grandes
torneios no arquipÈlago.

Uma pesquisa da AssociaÁ„o de SumÙ do Jap„o (JSA), realizada em junho,
revelou que 65 de seus lutadores vinham realizando apostas ilegais.
Recentemente, Hakuho, o mais graduado profissional no esporte, admitiu
realizar apostas no jogo de cartas ìhanafudaî. No paÌs, sÛ s„o
permitidas apostas em corridas de cavalo e alguns esportes de motor.

A JSA baniu de seus quadros, domingo 4, o sumotori Kotomitsuki e seu
tÈcnico, Otake, em raz„o do envolvimento deles com apostas de beisebol
e de cartas. Os jogos de azar, supostamente, alimentariam as finanÁas
da m·fia japonesa Yakuza (via Glauber Gleidson Peres, Rua dos Jasmins
126, Vale das Ac·cias, Pindamonhangaba SP 12440.290, (12)3637-5922,
DXLD) I`ve seen English versions of this many places (gh)

** JAPAN [non]. 7395, July 15 at 0313, sufficient signal with NHK IS
at an unexpected time, cannot be direct. 0315 into Swahili talk
interrupted by frequent musical stingers. This is 250 kW, 320 degrees
via MADAGASCAR, consequently USward too, 0315-0400. See also
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

6120, NHKWNRJ, via Sackville, CANADA, July 17 at 1211 after news starting what is now the Saturday program, ``Radio Japan Focus Weekend Cruise``, but fading into high noise level, both atmospheric and local. // 9695 direct axually better tho aimed 235 degrees into Asia, discussing lyrix of song in translation, such as ``take a photo of your naked body`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KASHMIR [non]. 4870, V. of Kashmir, Jul 13, 1438-1530*, 35332-35333, Kashmiri, Talk and music, ID at 1514 and 1528, IS from 1528, 1530 signoff (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan Premium July 16 via DXLD)

Radio Sadayee Kashmir noted sign off at 1550 instead on 1530 UT last night (18 Jul 2010) on 4870. Must check it today if its any new schedule. 73 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Raj Bhavan Road, Hyderabad 500082, India, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. MercoledÏ 14 luglio 2010, 2120 - 13760 // 15245 kHz, V of KOREA - Kujang (N. Corea), Inglese, mx locale trionfale. Segnale sufficiente-buono. In sottofondo l'audio di VO Korea in cinese, verificata in // a 9975 + 11575 kHz (Luca Botto Fiora, G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova), Italia, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

``Triumphal`` music ñ a term we have been needing for NK stuff (gh)

19m band not open for much, July 17 at 1241, but VOK triumphal music // 11710 on 15180 was strongest signal on band (SSOB), only rivals being WYFR 15130, RDPI 15560. 15180 in clear but 11710 with CCI in Chinese, CNR1 jamming against Taiwan, Commies vs Commies! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. QSL: Furusato No Kaze 9965 - Policy Coordination Division - Headquarters for the Abduction Issue - Cabinet Secretariat - 1-6-1 Nagata-cho - Chiyoda-ku - Tokyo 100-8968 - Giappone con lettera + opuscolo in 157 giorni. v/s Yasuhiro Togo. Si 1 IRC (Roberto Pavanello, Vercelli / Italia, via Roberto Scaglione, bclnews.it yg via DXLD) In B-09 season, 9965 for this was via PALAU (gh, DXLD)

** KOREA SOUTH [non]. 9650, KBSWR, Worldwide Friendship, Saturday July 17 included Kevin O`Donovan`s Weekly Listening Tips at 1252-1255. Looks like he got them from DXLD altho he said he heard the first two himself: KNLS at 12 on 7355, Libya on 15240, Ukraine on 9840, 7440, WRTH Update available. Plus British Open golf on PGA channel, XM/Sirius; non-numerical propagation outlook from SWPC. Mailbag before him, and tone-test CCI at 1250, probably IBB Tinang setting up for RNW relay from 1300 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT. Radio Kuwait, 18 July 2010 on 15540 kHz from 1845 to 1930 UT. Program of pop music with no song ID's in between. At 1902 feature

program entitled "Pioneers and Personalities of Kuwait," concerning the Undersecretary Minister of Education appointed in 1965. Nice signal despite fading. Interesting feature program that ended at 1915, when a female announcer said "enjoy life." 73's, (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, July 18, WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15540, Radio Kuwait (Sulaibiyah), 2055-2102*, 7/18/2010, English. American rock music. Closing announcements by man at 2058. Anthem at 2059. Supposed to shut down on this frequency at 2100, but switched for a couple of minutes to news in Arabic by a woman. This was in parallel to an Arabic language program that been running on 17550. The 15540 broadcast abruptly ended at 2102. Moderate signal with fading, about the same on 17550 (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, IC-R75, RX-340, Random Wire (90'), ALA100M Loop (20'), WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT [non]. Domenica 11 luglio 2010, 1022 - 15000 kHz, Musica araba non stop, Segnale insufficiente-buono, Nessun parallelo con altre frequenze.

LunedÏ 12 luglio 2010, 0841 - 11650//11630 kHz, R. KUWAIT - Kabd, Musica araba pop e tradizionale. Segnale molto buono. Nuova frequenza o problema tecnico?

0849 - 15000 // 11650 // 11630 kHz, R. KUWAIT - Kabd, Segnale buono, Evidentemente Ë la stessa sentita l'11/7. Surriscaldamento degli impianti txs? Il 14/7 attive solo 11630 // 11650 (Luca Botto Fiora, G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova), Italia, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

We now know 11630 and 11650 are LIBYA, not KUWAIT; see just below. But no other reports of 15000. A default punch-up error? (gh, DXLD)

** LAOS. 4412.56v, Lao National Radio via Sam Neua, 1220-1232*, on both July 16 & 17. News in Laotian; BoH gave website; choral National Anthem (Pheng Xat Lao) till off. 6130 was // till NA; continued on after 1232 with ads and music.

7145, Lao National R., Vientiane, randomly from 1235 to 1310, July 16. Better reception than normal and lucky this was higher than the terrible OTH radar pulsating noise that Glenn reported hearing yesterday from 7055 up to 7120. July 17 found LNR off the air. Still rather erratic! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBERIA. 4025, Star Radio, Monrovia, 0502-0515, 14-07, canciones, locutor, comentarios, inglÈs. Muy dÈbil, audible en LSB. 14321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, EspaÒa, escucha realizada en Reinante, costa del mar Cant·brico, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Antena de

cable, 10 metros, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4025, Star Radio. July 18 0739-0751 male and female alternating outside talks ìdisappointment with reports; violence; 3000 armies; trained by Liberia; human rightsî. From 0745 degrading, at peak 34333. 73's (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA. 15235, V. of Africa, Jul 13 1549-1557*, 35433, English, Afro pops and talk, ID at 1549 and 1556 and 1557, 1557 sign off, new frequency (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan Premium July 16 via DXLD)

Frequency changes of LJBC V of Africa in time order
[BUT: later version below]

Arabic >> Note: Direction and the coverage area is likely [assumed]
0400-0657 on 9870=SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf, new addit
0400-0657 on 9880!SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, new addit
0700-0957 on 11630 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, new addit
0700-0957 on 11650^SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf, new addit
1000-1157 on 17735%SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf, new addit
1000-1157 on 17740<SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, new addit

Swahili
1200-1357 NF 17735#SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf, ex 21695
1200-1357 NF 17740 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, ex 17725

English
1400-1557 NF 15235+SAB 500 kW / 130 deg to ECAf, ex 21695
1400-1557 NF 15240 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, ex 17725

French
1600-1657 NF 9880>SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf, ex 15660
1600-1657 NF 11850@SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, ex 17725
1700-1757 NF 9880$SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf, ex 11995
1700-1757 NF 11850*SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, ex 15215

Hausa
1800-1857 NF 9880&SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf, ex 11995
1800-1857 NF 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, ex 15215
1900-1957 NF 9880&SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf, ex 11995
1900-1957 NF 11850 SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, ex 11600

Arabic
2000-2157 on 9880&SAB 500 kW / 230 deg to WNAf, new addit
2000-2157 on 11850"SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, new addit

= co-ch 0400-0430 AIR Hindi (Vividh Bharati)

! co-ch 0530-0630 VOA French Mon-Fri
^ co-ch 0700-0800 RSI English/Slovak
% co-ch 0900-0930 CRI Indonesian
< co-ch 1000-1030 VOA Portuguese Sa/Su+1115-1200 AIR Thai
co-ch 1300-1400 WYFR Kannada
+ co-ch 1415-1600 R. Vatican Urdu/Hindi/Tamil/Malayalam/English
> co-ch 1600-1700 VOR French DRM, totally blocked
@ co-ch 1600-1700 WYFR English
$ co-ch 1700-1800 VOR Italian DRM, totally blocked
* co-ch 1700-1800 WYFR Persian, totally blocked
& co-ch 1800-2100 VOR French DRM + WYFR English 1800-1900
" co-ch 2100-2200 AWR KSDA Japanese/English
Start and end of each transmission varies between 3-5 min

73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, July 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

V. of Africa`s English broadcast at 1400-1600 has moved from 21695 and 17725 to 15240 and 15235, as monitored by Wolfgang B¸schel and Ivo Ivanov, and the 19m frequencies ought to propagate better, but inaudible here at 1550 check July 15. The old frequencies were aimed 180 degrees on 17725, 130 on 21695. Ivo says 15235 is the one now at 130 degrees, which ought to be superior here, closer to off-the-back (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Alert: 1530, 16-July; Libya appears to be on both 15235 and 15240. I'm also getting an occasional break-in sig which sounds like Spanish.

[later:] 15240, Voice of Africa; 1529-1558*, 16-July; ``This is the Voice of Africa broadcasting from the Great Jamahiriyah``; many V o Africa IDs; M&W in English with commentaries re various African countries. One segment was ragging on political parties in democracies -- which I've heard before. SIO=3+33. Broadcasting also on // 15235! (checked with 0.5 khz filter & checked 3 different antennas) at about same strength & quality. Vox a bit muted. Getting an occasional break-in sig on both--sounds like Spanish. Nothing on 15215, 17725 or 21695. Both abruptly off at 1558. At about 1556 heard a bird-tweet IS on both. 15235 had a 1600 s/on, but no copy, except sounded like French (Harold Frodge, MI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15235 NF, Voice of Africa, 1450-1558*, July 17, English programming with local pop music, IDs. Talk about African unity. Abrupt sign off. // 15240 NF. Both frequencies weak but readable (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Equipment: Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 11850, V. of Africa on new frequency, July 17 at 2102 in Arabic seemingly ponderous religious talk, not Qur`an recitation, music bits. ACI in Spanish from WYFR 11855. Good signal but modulation

somewhat rough. Looked for VOA // 9880, but not heard; instead, at 2114, RNW`s weekend Arabic-music-fill on 9860 via RWANDA. That could be mistaken for a real Arab station (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

English news heard this Sunday at 1156 UT tune in on 17735 // 17740 followed by Swahili programme (JM Aubier, France, July 18 dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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0900-1157 17735%SAB 500 kW / 180 deg to NEAf, new addit, ex 1000-1157
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Swahili
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" co-ch 2100-2200 AWR KSDA Japanese/English
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, July 19 via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DXLD)

** MADAGASCAR. 5010, 0403, Radio Madagascar in a rare long path appearance 18/6, poor with French announcements and highlife music in USB mode. Other Afros audible at this time on 4965, 4960 & 4780 (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWEs to NE, E and SE, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

7105 (USB + carrier mode), RTVM. July 16 was totally blocked by the terrible OTH radar pulsating noise that Glenn has also reported hearing. July 17, randomly from 1229 to 1458*; mostly fair (no OTH radar today!); a lot of African Hi-Li music, but also played one pop song in English; // 6134.9v and 5010 (USB + carrier mode) (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 15295, 0830-0855, Voice of Malaysia, Kajang, 14/07, English, YL talks including about woman and education with many mentions of "Voice of Islam", Malay pop song and folk male singing ñ fair with splashes from both sides (NHK and RFI) (Mikhail Timofeyev, Saint Petersburg, Russia, Sangean 909, 15 metres long wire, July 19, HCDX via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA/SARAWAK. 7270, Wai FM via RTM. 1350, July 20. Enjoyed again without the presence of PBS Nei Menggu! In vernacular; pop songs; Wai FM jingles and IDs; no pips at ToH; news. PBS Nei Menggu normally dominates here since their recent return, but clearly not broadcasting today (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALI. Changes noted this morning (July 15) --- Malienne music was playing on 9635 at 0615 UT at fair strength, so I assume this was Bamako on air earlier than usual. I couldn't detect any of 5995 7285 or 11960, but they could have been buried in local noise (Noel R. Green (NW England), dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 6009.96, Radio Mil, 0030-0100, July 16, futebol game. Spanish announcements. ID. Poor to fair. Covered by Radio Sweden

6010 via Sackville at 0100. (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** MEXICO. 1190 DE RADIO UNIVERSIDAD: 72 A—OS DE PROMOVER CULTURA Y ENSE—ANZA

El Sol de San Luis 20 de julio de 2010
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San Luis PotosÌ, San Luis PotosÌ. - La frecuencia 1190 (XEXQ) de Radio Universidad celebrar· su 72 aniversario, dio a conocer la licenciada Leticia Zavala PÈrez, coordinadora de Radio Universidad, quien manifestÛ que este espacio de difusiÛn de la cultura ha sido a lo largo de los aÒos una gran experiencia.

"Radio Universidad a travÈs de sus frecuencias XEXQ 1190 AM, XEXQ 6.045 OC, y XHUSP 88.5 de FM, cumplen con el objetivo de promover la cultura, la enseÒanza y la difusiÛn de la investigaciÛn tecnolÛgica, cientÌfica y humanÌstica, fortaleciendo el campo de la informaciÛn y de la divulgaciÛn de los valores del paÌs, adem·s de difundir m˙sica de alto valor estÈtico, folklÛrico y las manifestaciones de car·cter universal, bas·ndose en tres funciones primordiales que son: informar, educar y divertir"

"La Universidad AutÛnoma de San Luis PotosÌ siempre ha reconocido la necesidad de mantenerse en estrecho contacto con la sociedad, y es en este sentido que a travÈs de los 72 aÒos que se ha mantenido en la frecuencia 1190 de AM, se fortalece viendo hacia el futuro con el ingenio, entrega y entusiasmo de todos quienes han dejado una huella imborrable a su paso por esta emisora".

"El 28 de julio del aÒo de 1938 se iniciaron formalmente las transmisiones de Radio Universidad, identificadas con el lema Por la Cultura y por el Arte, creado por JoaquÌn Gonz·lez Arellano. De esta manera la frecuencia AM se transmite con 25 mil watts de potencia, en la frecuencia 1190, con 93 horas a la semana".

"Actualmente el perfil de Radio Universidad en Amplitud Modulada y de Onda Corta, se basa en transmisiones que abarcan p˙blicos muy diversos, que van desde el infantil hasta los especializados en m˙sica cl·sica, donde se brinda informaciÛn en general; de esta manera, en los programas de contenido social se orienta al radioescucha. AsÌ, con el lema que a˙n perdura, Por la Cultura y por el Arte, se identifica a estas emisiones resumiendo en Èl la esencia y objetivo de este departamento".

La coordinadora de Radio Universidad explicÛ que el compromiso ineludible con las autoridades universitarias y los radioescuchas

obliga a redoblar esfuerzos y voluntades para cumplir con uno de los deberes institucionales en la difusiÛn del arte y la cultura, "como es el trascender a travÈs de la radio, reafirmar y reforzar nuestras labores enfocadas a un fin primordial, servir a la comunidad universitaria y a la sociedad".

"Nuestra misiÛn no es acumular los mayores Ìndices de audiencia, sino descorrer velos ideolÛgicos, asÌ como dar salida a las formas de producciÛn artÌstica, particularmente la m˙sica. Un abrazo a todos los que han pasado por la cabina del 1190 de AM a lo largo de estos 72 aÒos, en el espacio radiofÛnico Por la Cultura y por el Arte".

Radio Universidad cuenta con 63 producciones que atienden desde puntos diversos las directrices marcadas por la legislaciÛn universitaria y la rectorÌa, cumpliendo con el objetivo; al mismo tiempo complementa la formaciÛn acadÈmica que reciben los estudiantes. Adem·s, cuenta con mayor participaciÛn tanto de estudiantes como de docentes e investigadores en las cartas program·ticas, y utiliza mecanismos de evaluaciÛn que mejoran la calidad de sus programas.

Fuente: 1190 de Radio Universidad: 72 aÒos de promover cultura y enseÒanza http://bit.ly/9QoMQF

Enlace Relacionado: Diexismo Mexicano
http://diexismomexicano.blogspot.com/2010/05/mas-informacion-de-radio-xexq-en-6045.html
(via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

Blog link mostly contains my log reports. But 6045 has been absent again for over two months. Congrats, but I remain bemused by articles like this celebrating odd anniversaries, in Latin America, even moreso of Cuban stations, which means they could rerun them every year, just changing the number. BTW, today is the monthiversary of everything I did 30 days ago (Glenn Hauser, July 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. UNIDENTIFIED. Sporadic E briefly exceeded 55 MHz, July 17 at 2123 UT, bits of analog signals on channels 2 and 4 from SE rather than south, so likely Yucat·n and/or Quintana Roo as I dare not hope for something beyond without firmer evidence. Not enough audio to be certain it`s Spanish. Channel 2 peak visiblized lower-right temp 33 degrees, and digital clock but could not read it. 6m map showed a contact across the Gulf with a center point just about right for me to get the peninsula from another angle.

A similar opening at 1635 UT July 18, ch 2 from SE, occasional audio fade-ins, Spanish speech with big-hall echo, maybe church service. 1647 singing with guitar, a staple of Catholic masses these days.

Fits XHY-TV MÈrida schedule http://www.sipse.com/television/
with Misa Dominical, and even matches (with delay) live webcast at
http://www.ustream.tv/channel/xhytv-canal2
complete with sign-language interpreter. Over at 1654, to commercials.

Picking up yucatecans directly thru the ionosphere is so much more fun. Hope the opening develops better as I dispatch this report, but just about gone after 1700 UT. This time the DX Sherlock 6m Es map shows a nexus over SE Texas. FWIW, on the XHY webcast I see no temp and time bug, but it could come and go. After 1700 into a movie featuring little people, from the 4TV network, as bugged in UR (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) & little else in Es TVDX this week

** MONACO. 8728-USB, 0500, Radio Monaco (95.4 FM relay). Fair in English with weather details on USB, 16/6 (Ian Cattermole, Blenheim, JRC 535, Icom IC-746 Pro, EWE, July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

0500? Should be a good time for NAm; but not per this: (gh, DXLD)

Radio Monaco http://www.radio-monaco.com 95.4 FM is briefly relayed over utility SW station Monaco Radio with news in French 1100-1103 UT M-F on 4363, 8728, 13146 and 17260 SSB. Monaco Radio also has local Monaco area weather forecast in English/French at 0530, 1103 and 1630 UTC on 8728 SSB (Christian Ghibaudo, Nice, France in Playdx via David Ricquish, July NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** MOROCCO [and non]. Changes noted this morning (July 15) --- RMI Morocco was not on air via 9575 at 0600 UT, and is still off almost three hours later. The transmitter has been low in modulation recently so may be under repair. Africa #1 9580 [GABON] was fair to good and clearly heard for a change (Noel R. Green (NW England), dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MRC - Radio MÈditerranÈe Int'l, Nador (2000 - rather 1600) - 0500-0400: Arabic and French transmissions; SW parallel: 9575 (Boel List)

Hello, Yes, I noted the poor signal and wobbling modulation on Radio Medi Internationale 9575 in past week too.

Thomson ThalËs etc. company has won to build up new 171 kHz longwave station Nador 1600 kW, - item appeared some two years ago. So I guess they are NOW on reshuffling action of the tall longwave masts and also SW site antennas on very same location.

That could be the reason to use a wobbling sound backup unit. Carlos, how strong is the 171 kHz longwave now daytime on your Lisbon location? 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

** NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. 11935, NHKWNRJ in Japanese, July 15 at 0328, huge S9+25 signal and splattering from 11920 to 11950. Hard to believe this is Bonaire aimed 170 degrees away from us toward southern South America, 0200-0400.

6250, weak Spanish at 0524 July 18 // 6080, NHK relay via Bonaire, leapfrog over RNW Dutch on 6165. No sign of Equatorial Guinea this early, and very irregular (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEWFOUNDLAND. CJYQ-930 St. John's NL has applied to the CRTC to go non-directional and to decrease the night power from 25 kW to 3.5 kW. Day power would remain at 25 kW.

<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2010/2010-486.htm>

St Johnís, Newfoundland and Labrador Application No. 2010-0975-4

Application by Newcap Inc. relating to the broadcasting licence for the English-language commercial AM radio programming undertaking CJYQ St. Johnís.

The licensee proposes to amend the authorized contours by changing the antenna radiation pattern from directional to non-directional, decreasing the transmitter power from 25,000 watts to 3,500 watts night time while maintaining it at 25,000 watts day time, and by changing the antenna site.

The licensee states that the previous antenna site is unusable due to deterioration caused by the coastal Newfoundland weather. 73, (via Deane McIntyre VE6BPO, July 19, WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. [Pirate]. 6950.59 AM, Radio Ronin Shortwave, 0303-0320+, July 16, IDs. Music by Fleetwood Mac, Led Zeppelin, Beatles and others. Fair (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

USA: Pirates - QSL's received from Radio Ronin Shortwave, 6950 kHz from my report of 9 May 2010. Beautiful color QSL of Asian warriors and blue knight on a horse on reverse side.

Also, color QSL of a microphone from WBNY - Radio Bunny for a report going back to 25 October 2010 on 6925 kHz. Signed by Commander Bunny. Included a business card sized QSL with abovementioned data as well. 73's, (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, July 18, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. Just a quick note to whomever can hopefully get the email in time. TCS will be on air tonight, starting about 0100 UT and running up to 0300 (when WYFR takes over the frequency), on 6876 kHz AM. -- John Poet, The Crystal Ship, 0054 UT July 19

Noble West says he has been hearing it (Glenn Hauser, 0125 UT July 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Glenn: The Crystal Ship is on as on 0104 UT until 0300 when WYFR takes over this channel. Good reception here at my QTH as of UT Monday, July 19, 2010 at 0106 playing classic tunes from the 60's. 73's, (Noble West, Clinton, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Following our forward to the local newspaper of the July 12 FCC notice about fining KEIF, the story finally made the top of the front page on July 17:
http://enidnews.com/localnews/x2114030259/KEIF-hit-with-FCC-fines
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

** OKLAHOMA. July 16, 2010, KEIF HIT WITH FCC FINES
By Chris Dell, Staff Writer, Enid News and Eagle

ENID ó The Rocket radio station recently received an unwelcome blast of fines from Federal Communications Commission.

The fines were handed down for a series of violations that date back six years, drawing applause from one of the stationís competitors and even a former board member.

KEIF-LP, a low-power FM station licensed to Enid Public Radio Association, was fined $5,000 for selling advertisements and $5,000 for broadcasting from an antenna that was almost double the legal height. Low-power FM stations are only allowed to broadcast nonprofit educational programming from an antenna height of 33 meters.

According to an FCC report, KEIF, which brands itself as 104.7 The Rocket, was distributing advertising rate cards to local businesses and broadcasting promotional advertisements on its station. The rate card stated The Rocketís ìclassic rockî format offers ìgreat result for your advertising dollar,î according to the report. The report also alleges the station broadcast from an antenna height of nearly 62 meters. Chisholm Trail Broadcasting, which owns several stations in northwest Oklahoma, blew the whistle on The Rocket in May 2005.

ìSpecifically, we find sufficient evidence of violations of the Commissionís enhanced underwriting and technical rules that, when considered together, evidence a pattern of abuse,î the report stated.

Scott Clark, The Rocketís chief engineer, declined comment Friday, except to say, ìWeíre not going off the air, ever.î

Clark said he will hold a press conference next week to officially

announce the stationís plans. Meanwhile, The Rocket continues to broadcast on 104.7 FM.

The station has 30 days to pay the fine and 90 days to lower its antenna to the legal height, according to FCC.

Abuse was from the beginning

Former board member Steve Allen said the pattern of abuse was evident from the time the station earned its license from FCC in 2000. Allen and Richard Cox served on The Rocketís board of directors until 2002, when they resigned ìjust to keep from being liable for what the station was doing,î said Allen, who is a former vocalist for the local band Sweet Misery.

Allen said the station, which was licensed to broadcast educational programming, was airing classic rock music from the beginning. He said Clark, who founded the station, hand-picked a board of directors so the station would be eligible for a license, but the board never met.

Allen also said Clark refused to recognize his resignation.

ìI knew this was going to happen one of these days,î Allen said. ìI have a very, very good name around here, and I donít want my name dragged through the mire because of that station.î

FCC had a long history of tracking other allegations made against the station. The Rocket landed in hot water with FCC in 2004, when it was confronted about its advertising policies.

Despite a slap on the wrist, The Rocket did not stop commercial advertising. In fact, commissioners with FCC, who were following up on a complaint from CTB, reported hearing some of the same advertisements on the station in 2007 they had heard three years earlier.

CTB complaint

Chisholm Trail Broadcasting is especially relieved to learn about the FCCís sanctions.

CTB first complained about The Rocket five years ago after it failed to comply with the FCCís demand to remove its commercial advertisements in 2004. The stationís general manager, Sandy Daniels, said Allen and Cox approached the station and told them to report The Rocket for ìknowingly breaking the rules,î she said.

ìEven the FCC gave them time to make changes, and they didnít do it,î Daniels said. ìIt just baffles me.î

Daniels said she has been contacted by other station managers in the area who have expressed their relief. They were particularly frustrated they had an extra competitor in the advertising business that legally was not allowed to be there.

Not all saw The Rocket as a legitimate threat, though. Dan Smith, general manager at 103.1 KOFM in Enid, a country station owned by Williams Broadcasting, said one of the stationís advertisers in-formed him about a year ago of The Rocketís selling in the area. However, the station didnít file a formal complaint.

ìThey didnít really affect our advertising dollars or our signal,î he said. ìAnybody can go apply for low-power FM station, and itís a great thing for FM service. But when someone turns it into a for-profit or commercial-type station, they donít understand media or broadcasting.î (via DXLD)

See previous reports with linx to FCC notice, newspaper story. KEIF-LP FM, 104.7. Enid, hit with at $10,000 fine by the FCC, has been airing the following recorded announcement by YL at each hourtop, such as 1859, 1959 and 2059 UT July 18, which I transcribed:

``Recent media attention concerning the legal status of radio station KEIF has caused concern among our listeners and supporters. The allegations levied against KEIF will be answered and dealt with in a professional and truthful manner as quickly as possible.

KEIF has been dealing with the alleged violations for many years already, and now we`re going to put this matter to rest by working closely with the local community, other media outlets and the Federal Communications Commission.

Many of the allegations you may have read or heard about will be resolved soon. KEIF appreciates our supporters and sponsors of programming who make your community radio station possible, and we will strive to abide by and follow all current and future requirements imposed by the FCC on radio station KEIF.

If you would like to leave a comment about our programming and your thoughts on how best that KEIF can further serve our community, please feel free to call us any time at [580] 242-6901.

KEIF is Enid`s local community station and we`ll do our very best to serve the public`s needs, necessities and convenience, now and in the future. KEIF is a service of the Enid Public Radio Association, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serving the citizens of Enid, Oklahoma. [different YL voice:] KEIF, LPFM, Enid``

Immediately following at 01:30 past the hours, only ONE minute of IRN-USA Radio Network news, sometimes making a smooth cutaway right back to rock music, sometimes not. That`s usually just the hard news headlines, before IRN can get into far-right religious-slanted `news`, or commercials. The 19 UT newscast by Precious [sic] Watson included this gaffe, about BP ``keeping a careful eye on the pressure gouge``.

In the past, KEIF/KUAL would air BBC news at 8 am local, the closest it ever came to being a `public` radio station. The still don`t get it: note that ``sponsors`` are mentioned in the apologia. Let`s see them try to wiggle out of the FCC`s ``allegations``. The overheight of the antenna is surely indisputable. Perhaps they`ll be careful with the commercials henceforth, but I really cannot stand to listen to them, beyond the above dutiful monitoring (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Header statement on Facebook:

The Rocket is under attack! We have been accused of various violations of FCC law, but fortunately almost all of them have been tossed out by the FCC. You can help the Rocket stay alive by showing your support! Comments will be greatly appreciated. THE CLASSIC ROCK LEGEND WILL SURVIVE!

From the displayed lefthand sidebar:

"One of the best stations heard on the air or on the internet. Live and national, but with a local twist. Listeners from all over the world listen regularly, and our announcers are also heard on radio stations throughout the world"

Individual posts quote The Onion frequently, too.

Link:
http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=683042331#!/pages/The-Rocket-Radio-Network/95614696449

This one is the initiating comment:

"The Rocket Radio Network
I guess we pissed off the local competition. What turds....."

In a comment thread, I found this, in response to a comment made by Karma Fisher:

"The Rocket Radio Network

The local newspaper also does not know how to factually report on a story either. Many of the "violations" naming Scott Clark were dismissed by the FCC. But did the paper bother to report that? I dont think so. Listen to KEIF 104.7FM locally for our reply to the allegations attributed to our many years of community service to the citizens of Enid... See More, Oklahoma. KEIF will resolve and comply with the FCC's orders. We also shall be making lemonade from the lemons we recieved. The Rocket is going to be better now than it ever has! THE CLASSIC ROCK LEGEND LIVES! Thank you Karma for your kind comments." (via Clara Listensprechen, DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. Re my report of the KEVT AZ 1210 DX test [see USA], apparently the other station was KGYN, not WPHT. I had assumed KGYN would be ``US Country`` like it is in the daytime. Remember, KEVT does it again UT Monday July 19 at 0500-0700 before closing down forever (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Glenn, I think that talk you heard was KGYN as they were decent here in IL and went into talk after 0500 UT news (had been country earlier as usual). WPHT had different talk and was almost completely dominant on truck radio (omni whip antenna) whereas it was nearly completely buried in the back null of the Split Delta Flag antenna. 73 KAZ Barrington IL (Neil Kazaross, mwdx yg via DXLD) For some time, WPHT was carrying the Michael Smerconish show, and refers to themselves as The Big Talker 1210 (Paul B Walker, Jr., ibid.)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 1580, KOKB Blackwell, again/still with hours and hours of dead air all day Sunday July 18; did not have a chance to dig for underSpanish in the morning. See also USA, KGGF for remarx on KFXY 1640

1580, KOKB Blackwell still in open carrier, July 19 at 1306, but nothing in Spanish underneath, just English mix of several skywave stations, at the moment dominated by the Dan Patrick Show with a subhost, sports talk, which is on ESPN. By 1350 UT, however, KOKB resumed overmodulation, blocking everything else.

NRC AM Log, which is now almost a year old, shows four ESPN stations on 1580, in GA, KY and MS, but the closest is KTGR Columbia MO, tho only 214 watts.

Before 1306 I made out a single word on 1580, ``Colfax`` which points to Denver, one of its major streets, if KKKK Colorado Springs programming also airs in Denver --- and it does, in fact originating in Longmont on KRCN 1060, ``The Big Money Station[s]``. Website http://www.thebigmoneystation.com/ shows two dogs on staff, Bella and Fannie, ha ha. A.k.a. Rocky Mountain Radio = RMR (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

"the Dan Patrick Show with a subhost, sports talk, which is on ESPN."

Not any more! Official Dan Patrick syndicator is "The Content Factory"; distribution is via Premiere/Fox Sports Radio. 73z, Another 73z=146z ñ (GREG HARDISON, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Greg, Tnx for the update. If it`s syndicated, does that mean it could still appear on an ESPN affiliate individually, or would it have to be on a FSR affiliate (Glenn to Greg, via DXLD)

It could appear on any otherwise-non-FSR outlet, but probably only in extremely "tiny"(ha) markets, over where the rights weren't being wrassled. Odds lay much heavier toward FSR outlets, though, above any others. :^)> -- G H (Greg Hardison, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. Re my previous report of Dan Patrick Show on 1580 under open carrier KOKB, from ESPN, Greg Hardison says that show has switched to Fox Sports, syndication. So back to the 2009 NRC AM Log to see what are the FSN stations on 1580: nothing but KOKB itself but info is at least a year old. If KOKB, it would have had to be just barely modulating instead of overmodulating. But, I may have, should have, checked sister station KOKP 1020 Perry for // and it was not (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140, R. Sultanate of Oman:
Jun 26 1444-1457 35433 English, News and music, ID at 1454
Jun 27 1502-1515 35433 Arabic, Koran and news, ID at 1506 and 1507
Jul 07 1500-1512 35433 Arabic, Koran and news, ID at 1507
Jul 09 1435-1445 35433 English, News, ID at 1438
Jul 13 1422-1437 35433 English, Music, Gongs and ID at 1430, News
(Kouji Hashimoto, Japan Premium July 16 via DXLD)

15140, 1950-2005, R. Sultanate of Oman, Thumrait, 13/07, Arabic, OM news reports with short musical pauses, 1957'32, 2000'18, 2002'02, 2002'24 and 2002'30 IDs as "Izaatul Jumhuriyati Oman", 1959'52 chimes, choral national anthem, etc. - fair with fading and local noise (Mikhail Timofeyev, Saint Petersburg, Russia, Sangean 909, 15 metres long wire, July 19, HCDX via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3385, Radio East New Britain, 1217-1226*, July 18. Third consecutive Sunday with same format and identical sign off time; religious program ìBeyond Todayî in English; produced in USA, with toll free number and website (ìBeyond Today dot tvî); Suddenly off with no sign off announcement; poor to almost fair.

3290, NBC Central, 1234-1310*, July 20. Very pleasant listening to their island songs; 1302-1307: bird calls and ìNews Roundupî in

English; mostly about Parliament; audio ended at 1310; carrier still on at 1315 tune away; almost fair.

3385, NBC - Radio East New Britain, 1212-1226*, July 20. In Tok Pisin (or similar) with the news; 1216 promo for ìN-B-C bringing you local and international news and current eventsî; promo for Thursday night NBC Music Request show from 9:30 to 11:00 and gave FM (104.3?) and SW frequencies; suddenly off with no sign off announcement; they are very consistent now with their sign off time; almost fair.

3905, NBC New Ireland, 1316-1324, July 20. Pop song (ìLand Down Underî) and island songs. Very good day for PNG (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3915 // 5960, Radio Fly 1110-1202 July 18. After weeks of just hearing just marginal signals, on this particular morning, heard both 3915 (which was much weaker and prone to local noise) and 5960 (which was somewhat stronger about s4-s5 level). Initially, programming was a religious service with a sermon, from a preacher, noted from 1110 to 1131, a short pause, then a male announcer with program content, what sounded like a weather report, and then a pop selection in a local dialect.

1136 caught a clear ID for Radio Fly (but by a another speaker as a program promotion). Remaining part of this program consisted of Country and Western tunes, one from Kenny Rodgers ñ the Gambler. 1146 caught a time check for í14 minutes to the hour ..on Radio Fly..í and a phone number (for requests?).

Did note a comment about an event or happening in the eastern part of the province (the earthquake that has been reported to happen) just prior to the TOH. By 1202, 5960 was still quite audible about s2-s3 level, with 3915 dropping off to S2-S3 level. I noted the signal peaked just before dawn (sunrise) enhancement about 1149. Pleased to be able finally get this one (Edward Kusalik Daysland, Alberta, Canada, Drake R8A. Best heard on a Trap-sloper cut for 6955, top end-feed, with 60-meter sloper, top end-feed, 1:1 Toroid Balun, WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3915, Radio Fly, 1334, July 19. Recently my best chance to hear this has been here, as // 5960 normally has moderate QRM from China. Heard with poor reception playing pop song in English and could confirm // (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4826.4, RADIO SICUANI. Sicuani, Per˙. 2348-0020 julio 10. Reactivando su onda corta, contrario a la informaciÛn recibida desde

la emisora donde seÒalaban haber perdido su licencia para emitir en banda tropical. Presentando el programa: Super Clan AlegrÌa. "...Radio Sicuani 1360, la radio n˙mero uno..."

4987, RADIO MANANTIAL. Huancayo, Per˙. 2240-2310 julio 10. Programa de evangelizaciÛn infantil, menciona escuela dominical. "...somos tu Radio Manantial...". Luego de las 2300 programa informativo con noticias internacionales. "...transmite Radio Manantial desde la ciudad de Huancayo..." Por momento interferida desde Radio Brasil Central en los 4985 kHz. Escucha realizada gracias a la informaciÛn del colega Rogildo F. Arag„o desde Bolivia a travÈs de la lista Radioescutas. Para m·s info http://dxdesdecolom bia.blogspot.com/2010/07/radio-manantial-4987-khz-desde-huancayo.html

5323.6, UNID. Tentativo, LV DE ANTA. Acobamba, Per˙. 1106-1200 julio 11. Emisora no identificada captada emitiendo m˙sica folclÛrica, con baja seÒal. Mencionan programa Vaso de Leche (programa de alimentaciÛn del gobierno peruano). Hacen referencia a la ciudad de Acobamba. En la tarde escuchada de 2330 a 2350 sin poder obtener m·s datos, baja seÒal y pobre modulaciÛn.

5921.3, RADIO BETHEL. Arequipa, Per˙. 1040-1055 julio 11. Presentando m˙sica folclÛrica. "... comparte tus domingos aquÌ en Bethel..." programa La hora de TransformaciÛn. "...en Ayaviri estamos en los 106.3 frecuencia celestial... "

6173.8, RADIO TAWANTISUYO. Cusco, Per˙. 1206-1220 julio 11. "...a esta hora en la mejor seÒal de la radiodifusiÛn cusqueÒa, presentamos. ..Los especiales del pueblo...a travÈs de Radio Tawantisuyo..." menciona telÈfono 228411 --- Buen DX (Rafael RodrÌguez R., Bogot· D.C.- COLOMBIA, JRC NRD-525 hilo de 30 mtrs, Visite : http://www.dxdesdecolombia.blogspot.com/ condiglist yg via DXLD)

** PERU. 5921.26, R. Bethel (presumed), 1016-1030, very animated talk by W in what sounded like Quechua. M joined in at 1023. Unfortunately it faded quickly and was just about gone by 1030. Frequency seemed to drop down about 20 Hz for a short time. Will have to keep an ear open to this. Fairly clear frequency (17 July) (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD)

** PERU. 3329.545, R. Ondas del Huallaga, 1128, Spanish, fair with ad string and announcements by a woman, all preceded with "AtenciÛn! AtenciÛn!" 14 July.

4774.922, Radio Tarma, 1208, Spanish, male announcer with noticias, several local references. Good copy despite brief strong ute QRM and also very weak CODAR noted. 13 July.

4824.47, LV de la Selva, 1125, Spanish, good with talk by a man, best in LSB to escape R. Sicuani on high side (on approx. 4826.5). 13 July.

4835.487, R. MaraÒÛn, 1115, noted as massive het against WWCR, and still only partially readable in LSB. Andean music cutting through the slop but very little copy on speech. Don't believe I've logged this one prior. 13 July.

4857.437, R. La Hora, 1150, Spanish, very good with traditional ballad, time check by a woman and further announcements by a man, into huaynos. 13 July.

4939.975, Radio San Antonio, 1140, Spanish, noted in passing with what may have been scripture readings; several references to "corazÛn" and "Dios mediante." Into music. 13 July.

Note: Madre de Dios (4949.42) and Pacifico Radio (4974.78) also noted in passing, 1200+ 13 July.

4987.55, Radio Manantial, 1200, Spanish, thanks Robert Wilkner tip, noted with news or similar. Still in the clear but increasing QRM high side from China. 13 July.

5120.42, Ondas del Suroriente, 1145, Spanish, noted in passing with huaynos. Very good. 13 July.

5486.567, Reina de la Selva? 1154, Spanish. Perhaps the most interesting log of the session, as I've never heard this station before. No ID, so presumed. But pretty safe to say it's Peruvian, with huaynos and reverb announcements by a man. So, Selva? Or another station? Would be helpful if someone closer to the target can monitor this. 13 July.

5486.58, Reina de la Selva? 1146, my "mystery" station, heard second day running, with huaynos. Readable, despite over-the-horizon radar wrecking this part of the band. Appreciate Robert Wilkner and John Santosuosso in Florida, for helping with this. 14 July (David Sharp, NSW Australia: FT-950, NRD-535D, R8, ICF-2010, ICF-SW7600GR, etc., dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 16/17 July Band Scan 2330 to 0010:
3329.597, Ondas del Huallaga, Hu·nuco
4824.516, La Voz de la Selva, Iquitos
4826.58, Radio Sicuani, Sicuani, Cusco
4835.397, Radio MaraÒÛn, Jaen
4857.387, Radio La Hora, Cusco, ID at tune in 2350
4986.83v, Radio Manantial, Huancayo .95 by 0010

(Robert Wilkner, PÛmpano Beach, FlÛrida, Drake R8 - Icom 746Pro DL - NRD 535D - 2010XA, 60 meter band dipole ~ Noise Reducing Antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. 9920, July 17 at 1225 with ``Wonderful Words of Life`` hymn rendered in what sounded like Vietnamese, 1230 cut to ``Jesus Saves`` IS, rustic music and sermon. Bothered by bits of grind jamming, perhaps spurious from Cuba 9955 vs WRMI.

Per Aoki, this is FEBC, 100 kW, 280 degrees from Bocaue, in the Tai Dam language at 1215-1230 Thu-Fri-Sat, while on other days it`s in Roglai; and supposed to go off at 1230 except Sun-Wed when continuing until 1300 in Koho. So what was the 1230 language on this Saturday?? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I assume you know that the Tai languages are not related to Vietnamese, although Vietnamese is the only major Austro-Asiatic language that has tones, under the influence of Chinese. Tai languages have tones. Roglai is Austronesian. Koho is Austro-Asiatic, my guess is non-tonal. Both are spoken in Vietnam. Good catch! 73/Liz (Cameron, MI, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** QATAR. AL JAZEERA NAMED IN $1.2 BILLION LAWSUIT RELATED TO HEZBOLLAH ROCKET ATTACKS INTO ISRAEL. Posted: 17 Jul 2010

Shurat Hadin Israel Law Center press release, 13 July 2010: "On the fourth anniversary of start of the Lebanese-Israeli War, 91 American, Israeli and Canadian victims of Hezbollah rocket attacks have filed an unprecedented lawsuit against the Qatar-based Al-Jazeera television network. The suit, Kaplan et al. v. Al-Jazeera (10 cv 5298), filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York in Manhattan, seeks $1.2 billion in compensatory damages plus punitive damages.

The plaintiffs, whose family members were killed or who were themselves injured by rockets fired at Israel by Hezbollah between July 12 and August 14, 2006, allege that Al-Jazeera intentionally provided real-time coverage of the locations of missile strikes inside Israel in violation of Israeli security regulations, thereby enabling Hezbollah to aim its missiles more accurately.

Al-Jazeera camera crews in Israel during the war were repeatedly detained by the Israeli police for broadcasting real-time information regarding the location of missile strikes, which Hezbollah utilized to more accurately aim their missiles at civilian population centers. Al-Jazeera is widely acknowledged to have an extreme anti-American and anti-Israel political agenda." (via kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

** ROMANIA [and non]. 9580, RRI English, good UT Friday July 16 at 0037:30 starting Listeners` Letterbox, replying to reception reports with several breaks for folk music including at 0041, 0045, ``goodbye`` at 0050. Well-done show.

Then I tuned over to SERBIA [non] on 9675, which was starting to play some of their own folk music to conclude English semihour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Voice of Russia 7440 kHz 0200-0300 --- I just received this interesting reply from the Voice of Russia:

``Unfortunately, we cannot verify your reception report of July 15^th since the Voice of Russia does not broadcast in English on 7440 kHz at 02.28 UTC. Sorry about that.`` 73, (Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN, July 16, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ha, they obviously aren`t reading DXLD to know what is really going on at their own station. Sked at
http://english.ruvr.ru/radio_broadcast/schedule/
still shows 7440 only at 0100-0200, before RUI reactivation bumped it an hour later (gh, July 16, ibid.)

However when next checked late July 19, the ruvr schedule had 7440 moved into the 02-03 hour // 15425. So want to try to QSL it now? (gh, ibid.)

** SERBIA. STUBLINE, HF transmitting station photos --- Thanks to David KrÌû from the Czech Republic, who paid a visit to STUBLINE HF transmitting station near Obrenovac, SERBIA, now we can see 16 photos - how these days looks the station. Photos are from July 2010.

I'm surprised how International R Serbia have not removed the destroyed buildings from 1999 NATO bombing...

http://www.imagebam.com/image/8a305189386890
http://www.imagebam.com/image/f7c63d89386870
http://www.imagebam.com/image/1a471e89386623
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http://www.imagebam.com/image/7b0b0d89386949

73 (DrAgan Lekic, Serbia, July 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Similar NATO ride demolition on Belgrade Zvecka mediumwave site 684 kHz 2000 kW former Continental tx, 44 38'31.76"N 20 08'23.87"E

http://maps.google.de/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=44%C2%B038%2731.76%22N+
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l=44.642155,20.139999&spn=0.002653,0.006968&t=h&z=18

and Aleksinac mediumwave 1008 kHz 200 kW destroyed by NATO 1999, 43 21'54.67"N 21 42'43.61"E

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l=43.365126,21.712074&spn=0.002718,0.006968&t=h&z=18

and another bomb ride location, but recovered with lower power now. YUG Serbian Province Kosovo Pristina 1413 kHz 1000 kW TX NATO 1999 destroyed, 42 43'34.38"N 21 06'45.00"E

http://maps.google.de/maps?
f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=+42%C2%B043%2738.12%22N+
+21%C2%B006%2747.15%22E&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=19.253434,57.084961&ie=UTF8&l
l=42.727249,21.113105&spn=0.002747,0.006968&t=h&z=18

Dragan, - still a puzzle from which site came the 17 kW low power signal on 6100 kHz two years ago, when Bijeljina-Bosnia was silent a half year, - ... and Stubline totally destroyed ? 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

** SOMALIA [non]. 15540, R. Freedom, Jul 02 *1430-1450, 35433-33433, Somali, 1430 sign on with opening music, ID, Opening announce, Koran.

15540, R. Freedom, Jul 09, *1430-1435, 35443-32432, Somali, 1430 sign on with opening music, ID, Opening announce, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan Premium July 16 via DXLD)

** SOMALIA [non]. UAE, 13685, IRIN R. via Dhabbaya, Jul 09 *0829-0839, 23222 Somali, 0829 sign on with IS, opening announce, talk (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan Premium July 16 via DXLD)

** SOMALIA [non]. UAE, 15750, R. Bar-Kulan via Dhabbaya, Jul 04 0526-0538, 25332 Somali, Somali pops, ID at 0531 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan Premium July 16 via DXLD)

** SOUTH AFRICA [non]. While not a big sports fan, I did find myself watching a few World Cup soccer games -- generally listening to the Spanish commentary of RNE/REE on shortwave and satellite while watching the over-the-air HD signal of my local Univision affiliate. The latter, of course, was delayed by 5 or 6 seconds, because of the digital coding and decoding. As a result, I was able to ignore most of the game except when I could hear the announcers getting excited or shouting "goooooooaaal," meaning I could look to the screen and see the key action a few seconds later. This struck me as being the reverse of when I used to listen to baseball games on AFRTS decades ago. In that case, the TV coverage was live and AFRTS was on a seven-second delay (Mike Cooper, July 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. GERMANY(non), New additional transmission via Media Broadcast (MBR): Brother Stair/The Overcomer Ministries (TOM):
1900-2000 on 6155@WER 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu
1900-2000 on 7425&WER 100 kW / 120 deg to N/ME
@ co-ch BBC in English & co-ch RNW in English
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, July 19 via DXLD)

cf. Dx Mix News # 634 [above]
Brother Stair/The Overcomer Ministries (TOM)
1900-2100 on 6155#WER 100 kW / 300 deg to WeEu > from July 21, ex 1900-2000
1900-2000 on 7425&WER 100 kW / 120 deg to N/ME
co-ch BBC in English till 2000
& co-ch RNW in English
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, July 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN [and non]. 5970, REE relay via COSTA RICA poor at 1200 July 18, timesignal and ``RNE Noticias`` top story being the German Grand Prix of Cycling. REE is now financially forced to plug into the domestic network for news on weekends instead of producing its own.

15170 via CR, 1230 UT July 18 with automatic half-hour timesignal and announcement clearly as ``14 horas`` rather than 1430 --- what`s with that?? Then ``Amigos de la Onda Corta``, starting with REE wanting reception reports from Puerto Rico, in case there are problems, then plug NASB survey as the two so-called noticias DX; then lengthy feature on R. San Gabriel, Bolivia, in Aymara country.

WTFK? May have mentioned one but did not catch it. WRTH 2010 has a station by that name in La Paz on 6080, but it`s rarely reported, inactive? We see in LA DX ``6079.9v BOL R San Gabriel, La Paz [0858-1040/-0123](9.80-0.47) Mar09 W SS/YY *0851`` which means last reported 16 months ago in DSWCI DX Window. 1245 into mailbag segment.

REE makes for excellent listening on Sunday afternoons, 15110 and 17595 VG direct, and 17850 too via CR. July 18 in the 20-21 hour it`s world music on MundofonÌa, apparently from Israel today. After 2105, scary narration and music about the Inquisition, and torture of heretix which went on long before that, in France as well as Spain, involvement of various popes.

The electronickish music evoked souls wailing in torment, background for most of the hour. 2152 closing credits including locutor LuÌs GarcÌa Sapinal(?). I think this must have been ``La Costa de las Tormentas`` tho never heard the program title given. See http://www.rtve.es/radio/20100122/costa-las-tormentas/313677.shtml altho it does not appear on the schedule http://www.rtve.es/radio/radio-exterior/programacion/ at this time, instead ``Tablero Deportivo``, missing as usual.

At 2155, 17595 sign-off announcement until 2300 with a new set of frequencies for America, while 17850 continued with REE promos, 2200 timesignal two seconds late, and ``En 5 Minutos`` introduced by Antonio Buitrago, something about the between-wars Residencia de Estudiantes. This apparently fills time for missing hourtop newscast (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Later: looking over the REE program grid, Desde el Infierno link leads to http://www.rtve.es/radio/20100122/desde-infierno/313707.shtml but the synopsis does not quite match what I heard, altho read by the same guy identified as Luis G. Chapinal, with portrait (gh, DXLD)

15385, REE, Monday July 19 *1423 with IS, 1425 sign-on EmisiÛn Sefarad, VP signal and fading, but think she still claims to be on 11795 at 0115 UT Tuesdays, which is still totally unconfirmed. Maybe I`ll remember to check for 11795 once more tonight.

Missed checking the last week or two, but finally on July 20, REE`s EmisiÛn Sefarad to South America is confirmed on the air.

Tuned in 11795 at 0113 but nothing, so I try 11780, previously announced frequency for this and as usual it is totally blocked by very strong RNA Brasil with loud music. Lucked into pause for announcement at 0114, giving 22:14 timechex, and even then no trace of anything under.

At 0115 back to 11795, and now there is a VG open carrier, even stronger than REE Spanish to SAm on 11680. 0117 finally joins audio in progress, YL opening the show with summary of upcoming topix. Audio is breaking up and with crosstalk from some music (crossmusic?). Address sefarad @ rtve.es Then into first item, interview; 0125 the subject starts singing, but the audio is still crackly, and lots of selective

fading distortion.

You have to listen carefully to distinguish Ladino from Castilian, e.g. pronouncing zero with a z like in English. Suspect the guest was really speaking Castilian. 0143:30 into sign-off giving usual schedule, Mon 1425 on 15385, Tue 0115 11795, 0415 9650; fanfare and off at 0145*.

11680 is 250 kW, 230 degrees from Noblejas, while 11795 is 250 kW, 248 degrees. That 18-degree difference seems to make for a noticeably stronger signal here. The 11795 transmission has been missing for months despite weekly announcements including it. Apparently my frequent reports of its absence finally reached the powers that be, to get it going again, otherwise who cares in the middle of the Spanish night? Maybe next week they`ll get started on time and with unmarred modulation (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non]. 15170 via COSTA RICA, REE reconfirmed with Co-Official Language token newscasts on weekdays, July 21 at 1240 starting Catalan from Barcelona a bit late, 1246 Gallego, 1253 Castilian in progress subbing for nominal Basque. These all go lickety-split, with only 5 minutes a day to convey the major news from their regions. Catalan especially deserves a lot more airtime than this on the national external service (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. 11905, *1529'15-1605, Sri Lanka BC, Trincomalee, 14/07, Hindi including English news at the beginning and at 1549, YL talks with many IDs, folk songs ñ good with weak KSDA signal in the background, blocked by RDP at 1559'58.

11750, 1705-1735, Sri Lanka BC, Ekala, 14/07, Sinhala, many OM talks with listeners by phone, fragments of folk songs, advertising, news bulletin at 1733'10 ñ good with slight fading only.

15745, 0316-0333'04*, Sri Lanka BC, Ekala, 16/07, English, OM short talks, western oldies and orchestral music, usual IDs as "This is the All Asia service of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation", 0330 time pips, final ann ant national anthem ñ fair-almost good with fading and local noise (Mikhail Timofeyev, Saint Petersburg, Russia, Sangean 909, 15 metres long wire, July 19, HCDX via DXLD)

SLBC to India --- New Programme in Hindi and English Radio Ceylon calling India. Namasthe India on 11905 1530-1630 via DW Trinco Transmitters. Reports welcome. ñ (G. Victor A. Goonetilleke 4S7VK, "Shangri-la"' 298 Madapatha Road, Piliyandala. Sri Lanka, July 20, dx_india yg via DXLD)

Dear Victor, 11905 changes from Ekala to Trinco tx site at 1530 UT ? 11905 channel selection right? Any QRM of AWR KSDA Hindi service co-channel expected?
11905 1530-1600 41 KSDA 100kW 285deg Hindi
11905 1600-1900 27,28 LIS 300 45 Portuguese RDP Lisbon
25 mb to be a little high band towards 2000 kms distance ?
73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

Yes Wolfy, I AM NOT HAPPY WITH THE CHANNEL AND BAND SELECTION. I am not their frequency manager. Hi! Lots of QRM in Europe and S. Asia. Will tell them (Victor, ibid.)

I have been catching this for last couple of months. The very affable Hindi YL announcer keeps calling for reception reports. Mentions that the station`s engineers would welcome them. Once they even announced propagation condition and mentioned that adjustments are still going on.

I am liking the format where they play old classics both Hindi and English alternatively in the same programme. Hoping to make it one of my regular listening in the days to come. Reception presently is average in my location. Cheers (Ashok Satpathy, India, ibid.)

** SUDAN. 7200, SRTC, *0238-0320+, July 16, abrupt sign on with local chants. Arabic talk at 0242. Qur`an. Radio-drama. Local pop music. Fair but co-channel QRM from a weaker Iran and occasional ham QRM (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** SUDAN [non]. via Slovakia, 9740, Radio Miraya, 0354-0421+, July 16, tune-in to English talk about unity in southern Sudan. English news at 0400-0412. ìRadio Mirayaî IDs. ID jingles. Instrumental music at 0413. Arabic talk at 0416. Poor to fair with some adjacent channel splatter (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

SLOVAKIA, 15710, Miraya FM via Rimavska Sobota, Jun 27 1405-1425, 34333, Arabic, Music and talk, SJ at 1410 and 1419.

15710, Miraya FM via Rimavska Sobota, Jul 02 *1359-1420, 35333, English and Arabic, 1359 sign on with music, News and talk, ID at 1404 and 1419 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan Premium July 16 via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. ASCENSION, 17700, Sudan R. Service via Ascension, Jul 13, 1600-1633, 35433, Hausa, IS and ID at 1600 and 1630, News (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan Premium July 16 via DXLD)

** SURINAME. 4990, R. Apintie, Paramaribo. July, 13 0754-0806 Jackson Five old ballad, Pop ballad in English, male announcements seems in Dutch, organ and voice music sounding like religious. Weak but clear,

4985 Brasil Central was off, 25332 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAJIKISTAN. 4765.05, Tajik R., Jun 27 1425-1435, 35343, Tajik, Music and talk, ID at 1432 (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan Premium July 16 via DXLD)

** TIBET. Xizang PBS via Lhasa. Since April 28 these have been off the air:
5935, 7240 and 7450 in Chinese and
4920, 5240, 6110, 6200 and 7255 in Tibetan.

At 1324 on July 19 noted 4920 was // 4905. Believe I actually observed their first day of being back on the air July 18, but was only briefly noted during a scan through. Can confirm that 6200 was still off the air July 19.

Needs more monitoring, as perhaps in the next few days the other frequencies will start up again! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [non]. 15530, V. of Tibet, Jun 27 *1330-1342, 44433-44444, Tibetan, 1330 sign on with opening music, announce, Talk and music.

15548, V. of Tibet, Jul 02 1329-1334*, 45433, Chinese and Tibet, Talk, 1330 Opening music, Opening announce, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan Premium July 16 via DXLD) Any jamming? Not with I=5 on 15548 See also CHINA [and non] for more on jamming of this (gh)

** TURKEY. 21125, OHR signals now also from Turkey. Zu den Ueberhorizontradaren der Briten auf Zypern und Russen gesellt sich ein weiteres System aus Antalya/Tuerkei. Es sendet ebenfalls 50 Pulse pro Sekunde und ist daher fuer Funkamateure nicht vom Zypern-Radar zu unterscheiden, da es aus der gleichen Richtung kommt. Nur die Bundesnetzagentur mit ihrem Peilnetz kann den Sender ermitteln. Er sendete am 12. Juli um 08.30 Uhr auf 21.125 MHz mit einer Bandbreite von 10 kHz (DARC DL broadcast message, July 15 via BCDX 17 July via DXLD)

** UGANDA [non]. via France, 15410, Radio YíAbaganda, *1700-1710+, July 17, Presumed. Sign on with African choral music. Vernacular talk at 1704. Saturdays only (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Equipment: Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. RUI. 12 July 2010

0700-1000 / 11620 / Nikolaev / 250 kW / Azumut 312 / Europe
1400-1700 / 9420 / Kharkov / 100 kW / Azimut 055 / Russia
1700-2000 / 7440 / Kharkov / 100 kW / Azimut 29 / Europe
2000-2100 / 6145 / Kharkov / 100 kW / Azimut 90 / Europe
2200-0200 / 7440 / Lvov   / 500 kW / Azimut 303 / North America

Ukrainian
0100-0200 7440
0800-1000 11620
1400-1700 9420
1800-1900 7440
2300-2400 7440

English
0000-0100 7440
0700-0800 11620
1900-2000 7440
2200-2300 7440

German
1700-1800 7440
2000-2100 6145

Rumanian
1700-1730   657
1930-2000   657
2100-2130   657 (Alexander Egorov, Kiev, Ukraine / ìopen_dxî via RusDX 18 July via DXLD)

** UKRAINE. Radio Ukraine International has resumed broadcasts on short wave after a few months of silence due to financial reasons. One-hour programs in English have been heard in Sofia from 00 to 01 hour and from 19 to 20 hours on 7440 kHz, from 05 to 06 hours on 9840 kHz and from 21 to 22 hours on 6145 kHz.

Three other programs will be aired when financial funds are available and they are: from 03 hours on 7440 kHz, from 09 and from 11 hours on 11620 kHz. The station confirms reception reports with QSL cards from the address: Radio Ukraine International, English Service, Kreshchatyk 26, Kiev 01001, Ukraine (Rumen Pankov, R. Bulgaria DX July 16 via Yimber GavirÌa, DXLD)

** UKRAINE. Corrections in transmissions of R. Ukraine International:
0200-0300 7440 LV 500 kW / 303 deg to NAm VOR En, noted on July 19
0300-0500 7420 KHR 100 kW / 055 deg to RUS Ukr, no txion on July 19
0500-0700 9840 KHR 100 kW / 290 deg to WEu En/Ukr, no txion July 19
0700-1000 11620 SMF 250 kW / 312 deg to WEu En 07-08, ex Ukr July 19
0900-1000 11655 LV 500 kW / 303 deg to WEu VOR Ge, please check

1400-1700 9420*KHR 100 kW / 055 deg to RUS Ukr, new, noted on July 18
* strong co-ch Voice of Greece in Greek
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, July 19 via DXLD) but::

Maybe Radio Ukraine International again left short waves
0300-0500 7420 KHR 100 kW / 055 deg RUS Ukr, no txion July 19
0500-0700 9840 KHR 100 kW / 290 deg WEu En/Ukr, no txion July 19
0700-1000 11620#SMF 250 kW / 312 deg WEu En/Ukr/Ukr, ex Ukr, July 19
1400-1700 9420+KHR 100 kW / 055 deg RUS Ukr, noted on July 18, but no
txion on July 19
1700-2000 7440^KHR 100 kW / 290 deg WEu Ge/Ukr/En, please check
2000-2400 6145*KHR 100 kW / 290 deg WEu Ge/Ukr/En/Ge, please check
2200-0200 7440 LV 500 kW / 303 deg NAm En/Ukr/En/Ukr, please check
#co-ch 0800-1000 CRI English
+co-ch 1400-1658 VOG Greek
^co-ch 1900-2000 CRI Hungarian/Romanian
*co-ch 2000-2200 CRI Polish/Albanian/Hungarian, 2200-2300 VOR Russian

Voice of Russia relay
0200-0300 on 7440 LV 500 kW / 303 deg to NAm En, noted on July 19
0900-1000 on 11655 LV 500 kW / 303 deg to WEu Ge, noted on July 19
(Ivo Ivanov, later July 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No, Glenn, RUI is on the air at this time (1700 UT) with its German
programme. Regards (JM Aubier, France, July 19, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

7440, RUI Kiev via Kharkov transmitter heard still tonight July 19
at 1700 UT. Power strength S=8 ... 9 ..9+10dB variable. ID in German
at 1701 UT, announced German schedule 17-18 7440, 20-21 & 23-00
UT 6145 kHz. RUI Audio on demand
http://www.nrcu.gov.ua/index.php?id=774
Also Livestream http://www.nrcu.gov.ua/index.php?id=307
http://89.187.1.165/NRCU4
(Wolfgang B¸schel, July 19, ibid.)

7440, 18-19 UT R Ukraina, Ukrainian language. S=9+20 dB.
7440, 19-20 UT RUI in English.
But at 1858:55 UT another station co-channel. CRI Hungarian joined
7440 at S=9+25dB level. RUI News in English at 1901 UT, could be
easily followed - when CRI doesn't play music program. 73 wb (Wolfgang
B¸schel, ibid.)

Frequency before 2200 completely covered by Issoudun, with remarkable
buzz in the audio, presumably from the CRI studio. Cut off at 2156,
unmasking a faint mess of fast SAH, with the dominating signal
carrying Soviet-style run-up tones of a rather high pitch, which
suggests that it could be indeed a Tbilisskaya signal. Programming

started at 2200, probably in Russian, but I can not tell real details.

Anyway there does not appear to be a transmission from the Ukraine, neither from a capable nor from a less capable facility, unless a now hopelessly deteriorated KHR site makes a futile attempt to transmit.

> 2200-0200 on 7440 LV 500 kW / 303 deg to NAm En/Ukr/En/Ukr,
> please check

When first doing so at 2147 an open carrier was already on. At 2159 Voice of Russia program audio with interval signal emerged, then I switched to 6145 to hear what comes on there (to no avail, see above). When returning to 7440 it had become an unrecognizable mess of two signals, almost drowned out by much stronger Galbeni on 7435 (which has some crackling in the audio; tsk, still old equipment in the chain)?

At 2215 recheck I think that the mess on 7440 contains a signal in Russian and one in English, but it's just impossible to make out program styles (Kai Ludwig, Germany, ibid.)

7440, RUI pre-English sce, S=9+20dB, but at 1858:55 UT another co-channel CRI Hungarian from Xian-CHN started at equal level up to S=9+25dB. When spoken pieces on CRI program I could easily follow both programmes, also RUI content.

6145, RUI German totally covered by CRI Polish via Issoudun France from 2000 UT. RUI 6145 kHz before 1958 UT S=9+15dB.

6145 ISS tx off at 2056:40 at 60 degrees, moved to 105 degree CRI Albanian service from ISS. In the remove pause between 2056:40 and 2059:05 UT heard farewell text read by lady in German.

RUI Kharkiv, 6145 tx off at 2100 UT! Regarding RUI 6145 kHz channel today 20-21 UT tonight: 6145 Kharkiv left the air at exact 2100 UT after closing announcement of RUI German service, so no 2100-2300 UT service on 6145 kHz.

6145, ISS - Removing the ALLISS antenna took 2 min 18 sec, from 105 to 85 degrees, for CRI Hungarian service between 2126:35 and 2128:53 UT with lower power. Full power one minute later at 2129:50 UT.

7440, Lviv tx. English news of RUI at 2200 UT, S=9+10dB, low modulation, strong carrier. Unidentified program underneath from Almaty KAZ... help.

6145 no RUI at 2200 UT, another signal Voice of Russia Armavir in Russian towards Near East on low level (Wolfgang B¸schel, July 19,

ibid.)

At 2258 recheck the English on 7440 has turned out to be Radio Ukraine International, wrapping up programme, followed by Ukrainian from 2300. Usual faint and fading, backscatter-like signal here.

6145: Described transmission wrapped up at 2259, followed again by interrupted test tones. Then at 2300 out of the blue Sackville crash-started with CRI English, wiping out anything else even here in Europe (Kai Ludwig, Germany, ibid.)

I've heard R. Ukraine I. in Ukrainian, 7440, 0140-0200, 7/19/10 with V. of Russia in English starting at 0200 on the same frequency.

7440, 0050-0105, 7/20/10 End of English program and start of Ukrainian. So UKI is still on as of tonight (Mark Taylor, Madison, WI, E1 & Radiomaster R 30, ibid.) See also RUSSIA

Revised schedule of R Ukraine International & V of Russia
0700-1000 11620 SMF 250 kW / 312 deg WeEu En/Ukr/Ukr, ex Ukr/Ukr/Ukr
0900-1000 11655 LV 500 kW / 303 deg WeEu Ge Voice of Russia
1700-2000 7440*KHR 100 kW / 290 deg WeEu Ge/Ukr/En
2000-2100 6145#KHR 100 kW / 290 deg WeEu Ge
2200-0200 7440 LV 500 kW / 303 deg NoAm En/Ukr/En/Ukr
0200-0300 7440 LV 500 kW / 303 deg NoAm En Voice of Russia

All other transmissions are canceled during period July 12-19, 2010
*strong co-ch 1900-2000 CRI Hungarian/Romanian
#strong co-ch CRI Polish
73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, July 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Soon updated:

Revised schedule of Radio Ukraine International & Voice of Russia
0700-1000 11620 SMF 250 kW / 312 deg WeEu En/Ukr/Ukr, ex Ukr/Ukr/Ukr
0900-1000 11655 LV 500 kW / 303 deg WeEu Ge Voice of Russia
1400-1700 9420&KHR 100 kW / 055 deg RUS Ukr, noted on July 20 <<<<
1700-2000 7440*KHR 100 kW / 290 deg WeEu Ge/Ukr/En
2000-2100 6145#KHR 100 kW / 290 deg WeEu Ge
2200-0200 7440 LV 500 kW / 303 deg NoAm En/Ukr/En/Ukr
0200-0300 7440 LV 500 kW / 303 deg NoAm En Voice of Russia

All other transmissions are canceled during the period July 12-19, 2010
& strong co-ch 1400-1700 CNR-8 in Kazakh/Uighur/Chinese + VOGreece in Greek
* strong co-ch 1900-2000 CRI Hungarian/Romanian
# strong co-ch CRI Polish 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, 1508 UT July 20, WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So, the new RUI schedule of July 5th [after the three months SW broadcast break] lasted two weeks only, as from July 18/19 changed now again.

Ceased totally: both Ukrainian outlets to RUSSIA/CIS states and primary to Ukrainians in Kazakhstan target, morning service to EUR 9840 05-07 UT and night service to EUR 6145 21-24 UT ceased too:

July 19, 2300 UT R Ukrainia in Ukrainian language on Lviv Krasne tx 7440 kHz, report from Azerbaijan, ties of both countries. S=9+30dB in Germany.

6145 RUI cancelled at 23-24 UT July 19. Heard CRI Beijing English via Sackville-CAN instead, S=9+25dB, but fluttery northern path signal.

July 20, 11620 SMF / Mykolaiv Luch-UKR transmitting center site outlet noted at 07-08 UT in English, 08-09 UT Ukrainian, variable S=8 noisy to S=9+10dB. But not as strong like Moscow Taldom or Armavir at same time. 73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, July 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Aleksandr, re: new RUI SW schedule of July 5th / resp. July 12...16, 2010. Herewith included three recordings of tonight, of
1 - 7440 at 1900 UT,
2 - 7440 at 1957 UT,
3 - and 6145 kHz at 1959 ... 2001 UT.
7440 was totally covered by CRI Xian signal in Hungarian and from 1930 UT Romanian, and RUI English underneath.

Only at 1957...1958 UT a short piece of RUI Kharkiv signal was heard at S=9+5dB level, when Xian tx went OFF air.

6145 - first seconds originate from KBS Relay Skelton-UK around 1958-1959 UT, then covered by CRI Polish via Issoudun France relay at 2000.

I guess the Ukrainian RRT Telecomm. Concern people has not much experience. At least selection and registration of RUI frequencies for A-10 is on very bad level, like 6145 (QRM de CRI Issoudun), 7440 (QRM de CRI Xian), 9420 (QRM de ERT Greece, CRI/CNR Lingshi). vy73 (Wolfgang wwdxc Bueschel to Aleksandr Yegorov, via DXLD)

** U K. South Herts Radio is taking a bit of a Summer break. Live streaming will resume on Sunday 8th August 12 noon - 8 pm UK time / 1100-2000 UT. Meanwhile we will keep adding DX programs and other radio related material to listen again via our interactive player at http://www.southhertsradio.com/player.html

Lots of rare documentary files will be uploaded in the next few weeks and we plan to slowly revamp our website as most people listen on-

line. We will continue using low power FM devices in parts of Hertfordshire for what it's worth but our FM broadcasts are totally within the law and no-one seems to want to relay us on shortwave so our website will be the best way forward. Sponsored shows we still be broadcast like Happy Station and World Of Radio. When the live stream is down these will also be on the listen again player.

When South Herts Radio began in 2007 is was meant to be a local radio station for the South Hertfordshire area of the U.K. As time went by more and more international content was broadcast with DX related programs to fill airtime. We only have Brendan & Tim making shows relating to the South Herts areas and they both come from and live in those areas. Their shows may sometimes feature the odd promo of where bands are playing in Hertfordshire but that's about it really. We couldn't be bothered about doing local news stories and such like in the end and none of has really had time to build on the original idea of what we were trying to do, so in the end, instead of being a community station we developed into an international station. So we now say we are South Herts Radio - International Radio from South Hertfordshire Untied Kingdom. We thought of changing the name but as we are well established it was better to keep it. Anyway people still seem to like it.

We are relaying a web-cast for Laser Hot Hits on our listen live webpage to fill the times when SHR is off air in support of shortwave free radio.

Disclaimer: I will keep SHR going even though it is a part time hobby. There does seem to be an interest in the live streams that go out most Sunday's and people are using the listen again and download features. As long as people are enjoying it I will commit to keeping it going. It is not the first priority on my to do list but the site will remain with the part time live stream. Something is better than nothing and there is a niche interest in this type of radio. For those that like it - enjoy it, it's free! (GARY DREW, http://www.southhertsradio.com July 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. DO PIRATES RULE THE AIRWAVES? (Radio 4 Documentary)

This is a documentary to be broadcast on BBC Radio 4 Wednesday 21/07 at 1100 BST. (FM Only) http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00t28d4

Britain has been listening to pirate radio since the 1960s and today it is reported that there are more illegal broadcasters than ever. Former pirate DJ Trevor Nelson investigates the current scene.

According to official Ofcom figures, there are around 150 illegal radio stations in the UK today and 16% of London regularly tunes in.

The pirates argue they are an integral part of the British music industry and provide a community service that legal stations can't. But broadcasting regulator Ofcom says the FM dial is full. They claim the pirates are a problem, interfering with legal stations and the emergency service frequencies. More worryingly, Ofcom says there is evidence of links to serious crime such as money laundering, guns and drugs.

Trevor revisits the world of illegal broadcasting to find out the truth behind today's pirate scene. Now a presenter on BBC Radio 1, Radio 2 and 1xtra, Trevor began his career in the 1980s on the then illegal Kiss FM. Trevor explores whether the scene has changed considerably since he was in the game or if the musical passion and spirit of pirates past are still present today.

Contributors include broadcasters, legal and illegal, a community radio station, fans, musicians, DJs and OFCOM, who were shadowed by the programme on a raid of a pirate station suspected of interfering with Radio 4.

Sounds interesting! Regards (via James Welsh (Birkenhead Merseyside UK), July 17, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD; also via Mike Barraclough)

** U S A [non]. Frequency change for Voice of America in Tibetan:
1400-1500 NF 15605 LAM 100 kW / 077 deg, ex 15330 // 7465, 11510, 11975
[later:]
Frequency change for Voice of America in Tibetan:
1400-1500 NF 15425 LAM 100 kW / 077 deg, ex 15605 (July 17/18), re-ex 15330 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, July 19 via DXLD)

[later2:]
Frequency change for Voice of America in Tibetan:
1400-1500 NF 15425 LAM 100 kW / 077 deg Mon/Wed/Fri, ex 15605, re-ex 15330
1400-1500 NF 15605 LAM 100 kW / 077 deg Tu/Th/Sa/Su, ex 15425, re-ex 15330
Very strange situation. The new frequencies are not indicated in the schedule of the station. 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, July 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Why help out the ChiCom imperialist jammers? (gh)

** U S A [and non]. 15730, once again VOA vs VOA: Saturday July 17 at 2023, open carrier producing fast SAH over VOA French. Carrier is Greenville, which should be warming up on some other frequency to avoid covering VOA S„o TomÈ. The French hour at 2000-2100 on weekends only, makes a totally unnecessary site switch in the middle of it. If in W African target area, GB has a decent signal after 2030 as it is supposed to, then it also QRMs ST before 2030 not only here but there

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. VOA logged on 19 July 2010 from 2330 to 2350 UT on 7555 kHz. Special English program with VOA News. Also heard Science in the News at 2345, discussing the human genome project and synthetic genome cells. I was only able to raise their signal to an audible level by using passband tuning on the R8A, since efforts to listen on SSB were unsuccessful. I encountered the same ìnon-atmosphericî noise condition which occurs on this frequency for KJES, though that originates from New Mexico and this was a relay via Kuwait. (Transmitter related or site related?) Decided to send a reception report as well, since there has been mention made that VOA has become an erratic verifier of late. I included a SASE with my reception report. 73ís, (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, July 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ed, if the ``non atmospheric noise`` is on the hi side of 7555, it`s likely FUG, as described in DXLD 10-28 under FRANCE (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Hi Glenn, Yes, initially I tried SSB reception to reduce the ìnon atmospheric noiseî and noted that 7555 kHz USB worsened the condition, while LSB was better to the point of almost being readable. At that point, I tried PBT on the R8A and found a slot where I could listen well enough to read the signal from VOA.

Based on the information you alluded to, this is a digital transmission tied in with NATO? I recall a few times (past tense) when I have tuned in to KJES in the 0200 time slot and the signal was either in the clear or readable by switching to the side of the carrier signal to improve readability. That has not occurred of late. Thank you for the feedback; I missed this item in the last DXLD. 73ís, (Ed Insinger, NJ, ibid.)

** U S A [and non]. RFE/RL MARKS 60 YEARS OF FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM
RFE/RL Press release, July 02, 2010

(PRAGUE/WASHINGTON) On July 4, 1950, Radio Free Europe (RFE) went on the air for the first time with a broadcast to communist Czechoslovakia from a studio in New York City's Empire State Building. The station signed on with the pledge of delivering news "in the American tradition of free speech."

On this Fourth of July, exactly 60 years later, RFE/RL reaches nearly 20 million people in 28 languages and 21 countries (map) including Russia, Belarus, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. It remains a lifeline for people living in war zones and under authoritarian rule who seek accurate and reliable news and information.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said last year during a visit to RFE/RL's Prague headquarters, "RFE/RL is smart power. It represents everything we are trying to achieve." . . .
http://www.rferl.org/content/RFERL_60_Year_Anniversary_press_room_press_release/2089487.html
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Updated summer A-10 of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty. Part 1 of 2

Arabic	0200-0700	on	1593				
R Free Iraq	1500-1530	on	1593				
	1830-2000	on	1593				
	2100-2300	on	1593				
Azeri	1500-1600	on	9405	15565			
Belarussian	0300-0500	on	612	6105	6120		
	1500-1700	on	612	7270	9530		
	1700-1900	on	612	6050	6105		
	1900-2100	on	612	5995	9405		
Dari	0330-0430	on	1296	15680	17670	17685	
R Free Afgh	0530-0630	on	1296	15680	17670	17685	
	0730-0830	on	1296	15680	17670	17685	
	0930-1030	on	1296	15090	15680	17685	
	1130-1230	on	1296	15090	15680	17685	
	1330-1430	on	1296	11550	15090		
Kazakh	0100-0200	on	7215	9750			
	1300-1400	on	9465	12005			
Kyrgyz	1200-1230	on	15165	15265	17730		
	1500-1530	on	7465	12110			
Moldovan	0400-0430	on	5955	Mon-Fri			
	1500-1530	on	9495	Sat/Sun			
	1600-1630	on	6110	Mon-Fri			
	1800-1830	on	3995	Mon-Fri			
N. Caucasus	0300-0400	on	7290	9480	>>>>>	Avari/Chechen/Chercassian	
	1500-1600	on	11810	15545	>>>>>	Avari/Chechen/Chercassian	
Pashto	0230-0330	on	1296	12140	17670	17685	
R Free Afgh	0430-0530	on	1296	15680	17670	17685	
	0630-0730	on	1296	15680	17670	17685	
	0830-0930	on	1296	15090	15680	17685	
	1030-1130	on	1296	15090	15680	17685	
	1230-1330	on	1296	11550	15090	15680	
Pashto	0400-0700	on	621	12130	15715	15740	from Sept 15
R Mashaal	0700-0900	on	621	12130	15715	15740	from July 15
	0900-1300	on	621	12030	12130	15360	
Russian	0300-0400	on	5925	7435	9520	15470	
	0400-0500	on	5925	7435	9520	9760	
	0500-0700	on	9520	9760	12005	17560	
	0800-1000	on	11700	15130	17730		
	1200-1300	on	9585	13745	15130	15565	

	1300-1400	on	7335	9530	9880	15565
	1400-1500	on	9530	11730	13680	15565
	1500-1600	on	9520	9725	12055	11860
	1600-1700	on	7445	9445	9520	11860
	1700-1800	on	5905	11950	>>>>>	Caucasus Echo
	1700-1800	on	5980	7260	9520	11805
	1800-1900	on	6015	9520	9840	11805
	1900-2000	on	6120	7285	9465	9600 9840
	2000-2100	on	7285	9465		
Tajik	0100-0200	on	9760	13760		
	0200-0400	on	9760	15525		
	1400-1500	on	9790	11895		
	1500-1600	on	9790	11975		
	1600-1700	on	7485	9790		
Tatar	0300-0400	on	7390	9635		
	0500-0600	on	9635			
	1500-1600	on	12035	15445		
	1900-2000	on	9805			
Turkmen	0200-0400	on	9555	15560	+ 864 till 0300	
	1400-1500	on	12075	13830		
	1500-1600	on	7260	9830	+ 864 from 1530	
	1600-1700	on	7350	11975		
	1700-1800	on	9485	9670		
Uzbek	0200-0300	on	9855	12025	15145	
	0300-0400	on	12025	15145	17770	
	1400-1500	on	7560	9510	12005	
	1600-1700	on	6060	7555	9390	

(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, July 19 via DXLD)

** U S A. 9955, 0320-0330, WRMI, Miami, 19/07, Spanish, OM/YL talks with mention of Cuba and tentative ID at 0327 as Radio Republica, Latin American songs - poor under local noise and Cuban noise jamming (first heard here in St. Petersburg for many years) (Mikhail Timofeyev, Saint Petersburg, Russia, Sangean 909, 15 metres long wire, July 19, HCDX via DXLD)

** U S A. 17510 with open carrier July 18 at 1302 and later chex during that hour, still OC at 1357, but at 1402 a preacher had begun in English. WHRI is registered to start at 1400 on weekends, 1500 on weekdays. Wasted 250 kWh + inefficiency factor (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7506.3, July 15 at 0310, has to be WRNO as usual way off-frequency, VG signal not in Arabic, but English, sounds like an old Billy Graham black & white sermon with PA reverb, no doubt from a huge invisible stadium as was his tactic. Cited various Bible verses as if they were gospel (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9680, WYFR in English, July 15 at 0506 VG signal but going into distortion and splattering intermittently. However, no spurs around 9.5 or 10 MHz this time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. GERMANY (non), New additional transmission via Media Broadcast (MBR): WYFR Family Radio (cf. Dx Mix News # 631 - WYFR)
1800-1900 on 9600#ISS 500 kW / 155 deg to SoAf
1800-1900 on 9880*WER 500 kW / 165 deg to CeAf
1800-2000 on 9925 WER 500 kW / 165 deg to CeAf
1900-2000 on 9505 NAU 500 kW / 170 deg to CeAf
co-ch CRI in English
* co-ch V of Africa in Hausa + VOR in French DRM
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, July 19 via DXLD)

** U S A. 5110-, WBCQ, I think is normally on the air only Saturday and Sunday evenings for Area 51 ñ-- except the original live airing of Allan Weiner Worldwide, Friday evenings. UT July 17 at 0044 it`s detectable but unreadable, // better 7415. Compared to RHC 6110, WBCQ was slightly low in frequency.

9330-CUSB, with a bit of audio on the LSB too, is already on at 1115 July 17, tho the schedule claims Good Friends Radio Network is 13-04:
http://schedule.wbcq.com/main.php?fn=sked&freq=9330
Mentioned phone numbers including one in Australia, taking prayer requests.

I had not noticed this before, posted a month+ ago on WBCQ site:

``WBCQ Joins the Gulf Rescue Campaign
Posted June 11th, 2010 in Station News

WBCQ is joining the Gulf Rescue Campaign in association with the Sea Shepherd Society to assist in the Gulf disaster rescue operation. We need your support now to outfit our flagship, the M/S Katie, to assist in the Gulf disaster rescue operation.`` So is Katie down there rescuing wildlife by now? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1521 monitoring chex, via webcasts:
WBCQ, 7415, confirmed after 1900 Thursday July 15.
Global Voice Radio, http://www.theglobalvoice.info/ confirmed after 2130 Thursday.
ACB Radio Mainstream, pre-empted by something else, info for the blind, both after 0100 and 0300 UT Friday. Nothing on website schedule to explain this, where WOR still appears every two hours thru 2330, when I hope some of the repeats will still happen.
http://www.acbradio.org/mainstream
WWRB, 3185, confirmed after 0330 UT Friday July 16.
Next chances on WWCR: Fri 2029 on 15825, Sat 1630 on 12160, Sun 0230

on 4840, Sun 0630 on 3215, Sun 2330 on 9980 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WOR not heard on ACB at 2100-2130. It sounded like a conference in a big hall. It's probably the ACB annual convention. On this page, http://www.acbradio.org/pweb/index.php?module=pagemaster&PAGE_user_op=view_page&PAGE_id=60&MMN_position=79:79 it mentions that the 2007 one was June 30 to July 7 so it could be happening a week or so later this year. Regards (Harry Brooks, North East England, UK, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Pastor Pete Peters audio is awful, always with a rippling or warbling hum, as heard both via WWCR and WTWW, e.g. 1330 July 15 on 9980 and 9479. I guess some AC is getting into his feed. Fortunately, this helps to discourage people from listening to his racist nonsense despite the extremely strong signals from both (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7480.54, WWCR Nashville TN; 2354-2401+, 12/13-July; Weak spur // 7465; Dr. Stan on Radio Liberty with conspiracy stuff; miracle cure ads; WWCR ID spot at 2359+ to DA till 0001 back with gold/silver ad. Spur weak; // 7465 S30+ with trill QRM (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

6940, mix of two audios, one with commercial in English, July 15 at 0525. As previously computed, this fits for leapfrog of WWCR 4840 over WWCR 5890, another 1050 kHz higher. Both of those were very strong, and 6940 could be heard at normal and attenuated positions, but not at local on the FRG-7, so in this case it may have been receiver-produced due to overload.

15825, WWCR missing, not even a carrier, July 19 at 2028 a semi-hour before usual QSY time. Inbooming on 13845, 12160, so I think WWCR-1 was really off the air (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 17920v, weak spur from KVOH 17775, July 16 at 1856; maybe a trace of match on 17630v, always weaker (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5000, WWV announcement at 0116 July 17, and no doubt 16 minutes past all other hours: Attention: From 18 to 19 UT July 22 [Thursday], WWV and WWVH will be conducting a tsunami warning test (gist). During the entire hour, apparently, pre-empting timesignals? See also HAWAII (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Request for high-quality recording of WWV/WWVH tsunami warning test

Hi folks - See the note from Myke Weiskopf (whom you may remember from past Winter SWL Fests) -- he's looking for someone who is in a position to capture an hour of WWV/WWVH audio in excellent quality to do so at 1759 UT on Thursday. He'll even pay!
http://dodgeblog.nfshost.com/wordpress/?p=862
(via Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** U S A. Add another station ruined by over-reliance on automation: KGGF, 690, Coffeyville KS. Sunday July 18 at 1926 UT I notice open carrier, no modulation. Finally at 1928.5 to 1929.5 a couple of local commercials, more dead air, and 1930, ID as KGGF with Royals Baseball. Back to dead air. For the next two hours I amuse myself by leaving one receiver on 690. There never was any baseball coverage, just silence interrupted occasionally by local commercials.

I compared to Enid`s 1640, KFXY which also knows how to unmodulate, having broadcast mostly open carrier for 2-3 days last week. But now they are really running with Royals baseball, and the sporadic awakenings by KGGF match the local spot times on KFXY. As soon as they`re done each time, KFXY resumes live baseball, and KGGF resumes dead air. Some of these times were: 1940.5-1941.5, 1953-1954; 2004 ID as ``your home for Royals baseball in the four states``; 2013.5-2014.5, 2030-2031; 2031.5 ``The sports powerhouse for the four states, KGGF, 690, Coffeyville-Independence``; 2100 another ID; 2108-2109.

At 2112 UT, KGGF outros its Royals coverage, with list of about a dozen local sponsors. Wonder if they think they got their money`s worth, since their ads did air, just no programming to go with them. And will they be due a refund or make-goods? Did they even notice what happened?

However, there was one more wrapup segment on the Royals net, giving scores for others games finished or still in progress. Finally as heard on 1640, Royals net signs off, and immediately 690 comes to life, joins some other sports talk in progress about golf, and presumably now stays modulating as I outtune.

BTW, KFXY IDed at 2014 as ``The New Faith 1640`` as that remains its prime format, but blown away for silly ballgames.

From this behavior, KGGF was obviously getting cue tones from the network about when to cut away for local ads or IDs, and when to rejoin --- yet in between, no audio of programming or network ads for at least two hours. (Many of the mandatory network ads are really local for Kansas City, of no interest anywhere beyond.) In a live game, exact cutaway times could not be predicted, or pre-programmed.

Did anyone else notice? Such as people in the 4-state coverage area

who would really like to have heard the game? Maybe someone(s) tried to phone or e-mail the station, but obviously there was no one there to pick up on a summer Sunday afternoon, let alone monitor their own output. No doubt there were several other stations audible, really carrying the game, such as from KC itself.

These days, many stations run unattended, but someone can be remote-controlling it from anywhere. Of course, it helps to be in the broadcast coverage area so you can tell if anything is wrong, like say, no programming. Ever hear of a silence alarm? There is really no excuse for this, but shows how low the commercial broadcast industry has sunk, when something like this can go on from a 10-kW wide-coverage station and no one at the station knows or cares.

When I quit the fulltime broadcasting biz in 1984, some automation was beginning to creep in, but axually having a live person in control at the station was still standard practice. Now most stations, especially commercial, would not dream of paying even minimum wage in order to have somehuman oversight 24/7.

Later that evening, 690 did have another baseball broadcast, including the game, Cardinals? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. KEVT 1210 DX TEST UPDATE!!! [Sahuarita AZ; cf DXLD 10-27]

Seems that KEVT has decided to go off the air on Sunday night instead of Friday. KEVT will [run] two tests, one on Friday and the second on Sunday, both between 10 and midnight, MST at 10 kW, non directional.

The engineer says he'll run the sweep tone CD on the hour at 10, 11, and midnight on both nights. Rest of the program is Mexican music and Spanish talk as "La Raza" (Paul Walker, IL, July 16, NRC-AM via DXLD)

What he really means in UT: July 17 and July 19 at 0500-0700 (gh)

DX test from KEVT 1210 Sahuarita AZ, which according to Paul Lotsof is about to close down, go out of business so the CE would be running 10 kW non-direxional day pattern UT July 17 at 0500-0700. Paul Walker found out that there would be sweep tones, helpful for DX IDing on the hourtops, July 17 and again on its final final night 48 hours later.

Missed checking at 0500 July 17 as I was still TVDXing Kansas, but tried 1210 from 0511 --- fortunately, no sign of KGYN Guymon OK, which must have axually been on its own night pattern, null-ENE! WPHT Philadelphia was dominant with Midnight Radio Network talk in English, and too close to collinear with AZ to null from here on the DX-398, but tropical music audible underneath it. Equally big problem is WOAI

IBOC peaking at 1213, so better tuning down to 1209 kHz. At 0517, overblown Spanish announcement, no ID heard yet, as Philadelphia fades, then norteÒa music. 0520, got it! KEVT`s ``La Raza`` slogan and ``grupera`` which must be the proper term for its format. 0521 WPHT regains ascendancy with Nationwide ad (Glenn Hauser, of another Raza, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) but see OKLAHOMA: it was KGYN, not WPHT

e mail address: fluna1030 @ yahoo.com 73, (Patrick Martin, Seaside Oregon, "Come visit us for the 2010 IRCA convention held Sept 24-26 at the Inn At Seaside.", IRCA via DXLD)

KEVT-1210 Sweep tones heard here in Calgary AB at 2302 - 2303 MDT on Sony TR-6400 barefoot during thunderstorm. AZ No. 3 73, (Deane McIntyre VE6BPO, Calgary AB, UT July 17, ibid.)

CW Heard at 0005 local in Woodbury, MN. 73 (Todd, ibid.)

Thx for the reminder, this will give me a good chance to test my new Split Delta Flag antenna (like a Delta Flag (KAZ) antenna but more narrow beam. It is currently set to null the west, but I'll switch feed and resistor and then it will null east and hopefully WPHT is gone, and if not, a little phasing should finish them off.

That is, assuming I can stay awake that long as I am suffering from some weird sleeping sickness type virus that I'm told will need a few more days to leave me. 73 KAZ Barrington IL (Neil Kazaross, ibid.)

There must be more then one spanish station on 1210, because I heard Spanish buried way under 1210, but no tones or any DX related material. Listened until 12:03 central (Paul Walker, Marion, IL, ibid.)

The KEVT test was heard here in Prescott Valley with sweep tone and ID in English at 0501 UT (Bill Block, ibid.)

The KEVT test is booming into Southern California right now even with huge QRN and KPRZ. 'Heard sweep tones and code and other goodies. 'Sad that this is the swan song for the station (Mike Sanburn, KG6LJU, 0515 UT July 17, ibid.)

The situation on 1210 here in Barrington IL (times CDT) on my new Split Delta Flag Antenna at midnight was a mix of KOKK s/off with God Bless America and KGYN news with WPHT's news a distant third. Then at 0002 KEVT popped on with about 8 sweep tones and then morse code at 0003 and fade up again about 0005 with Mexican music and then a deep voiced man screamed a "La Raza" ID. When I came in from the DX truck about 0014 KEVT had faded away.

I suggest that those who need them, keep trying. Their music is very Mexican sounding and they should have sweeps and code at 0100 and 0200 CDT perhaps a couple minutes late if their clock is off, per 0002 sweeps. 73 KAZ Barrington IL (Neil Kazaross, ibid.)

The Sunday night 1210 KEVT DX Test was heard at good level at the 10 p.m./05 UT time. Test began a minute early, 0459:08 with loud sweep tones, two morse code idents then more sweep tones, ending about 0459:35. I'll try to check the next hour and maybe the last hour too. 73, (Steve Ratzlaff, NE Oregon, UT July 19, IRCA via DXLD)

1210, KEVT Sahuarita AZ [Tucson] final broadcast audible UT July 19 at 0510 with race music under talk in English from presumed KGYN, 5-6 Hz apart. Nulling KGYN confirms its direxion from Guymon OK but not enough KEVT in that position (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The DX Test ran again at 0700:05 UT with morse code then sweep tones, then code, then sweep tones, weak in another fade of dominant KTBK. Thanks to Mr. Luna for running the test! 73, (Steve, NE Oregon, Ratzlaff, R75, N/S longwire for all KEVT test receptions, IRCA via DXLD)

Well, I didn't think that was going to work, but two code IDs and a sweep tone at 0202 ELT from KEVT made it through here in extreme eastern West Virginia! Some snippets of Mexican music earlier in the hour, and a couple nice IDs from KGYN as well, in a very tight and unstable partial phase null of WPHT. By my calculations KEVT is 1918 miles, KGYN 1296 miles, and WPHT 159 miles. Usually phasing WPHT there's nothing but IBOC from WHKW-1220 when WPHT is phased. Great test! (David Yocis, Shannondale WV (39-13 N, 77-48 W), R71A, longwires, Quantum phase, ibid.)

Yowzah! I didn't think I had a prayer of hearing KEVT at this time of year, but I just got to the unattended recordings I made last night, and, sure enough, I was able to pull out some slow code, followed by sweeps and more code, starting about 14 seconds after the 0200 EDT (0600 UTC) TOH. Distance from here is 2083 miles, AZ logging #3! I had to contend with WPHT, my local 50 kW blowtorch on 1200, IBOC noise (probably from WCHB on 1200), and a lot of thunderstorm static - it's just amazing how well the code and sweep s canpunch through all that crud.

I haven't had time to listen to much of the recordings yet, but also noted another station under WPHT - possibly KGYN or KOKK, both of which have been heard been here before. Muchas gracias for running this test! (Barry McLarnon, VE3JF, Ottawa, ON, ibid.)

It looks like KEVT did go off last night as the only station that I

can hear is KPRZ and lots of t-storm noise (Bill Block, Prescott Valley, AZ, 1414 UT July 19, ibid.)

** U S A. Tropo enhancement from Kansas, UT July 17, first noticed at 0455 with antenna oppositeward toward OKC, nevertheless KSNC RF 22, 2-1 decoding from Great Bend. Not so good for closer Wichita market such as its parent KSNW RF 45, 3-1. RF 12 did display: DTV 33-1 KSCW DT, with nothing but black screen, i.e. transmitted that way as signal level was sufficient to decode if anything were being modulated.

Tropo enhancement from Wichita area holding up past 1500 UT July 17, Saturday. KPTS 8.3 with Create had Rudy Maxa on New Zealand South and North before and after 1500. Bug check: 8.3 Create has constant KPTS logo, PBS logo, atop tiny Hutchinson-Wichita in lower left, an unusual spot --- because the Create spiral logo is constant in lower right.

8.2, however, with Explore has KPTS in LR with almost invisible white Explore above it and even smaller Hutchinson-Wichita below it. Main channel 8.1 also with KPTS bug LR, next to PBS person-profile logo, and www.kpts.org below it. Losing out, too weak and breaking up by 1530 as Sol burns off some humidity (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VANUATU. 3945, R. Vanuatu, Port Vila. July 13 0700-0710, ìflute signatureî top of the hour music, female announcements seems in English, male and female talks. T-static, 25222. July 15 0754-0805 male and female talks in an unidentified language. 25322 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil - Sony ICF SW40 - Dipole 18m, 32m, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN. Comentando um log anterior do Glenn onde ele reporta problemas de audio na Radio Vaticana, interessante pois sintonizei a emissora em duas ocasiıes e com o mesmo sintoma. O ·udio estava picotando como se houvesse um mau contato na mesa de som. Ocorreu na mesma qrg em portuguÍs e latim (esta ˙ltima uma missa sendo que o signoff foi abrupto, alguns minutos antes do programa encerrar). 73s (Sarmento Campos, Brasil, July 16, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

[and non]. 11625, VR, Thursday July 15 at 0331, African language, good S9+25 signal. Checked again at 0400, and another Afrolang, mentioning ``meter band`` and ``megahertz`` several times.

At 0331 did not sound like listed Swahili, but rather tonal. Maybe it`s the speaker`s own peculiar accent. Per VR A-10 schedule folder, it`s Swahili direct at 0330-0400, except Sundays inserting Somali at 0345.

The papists pull a fast one at 0400, switching site to MADAGASCAR, for

Amharic/Tigrinya until 0430, but totally unclear how the time is divided between them, half-and-half? Or depending on day of week, or mixed in together? After French at 0430, back to SMG for English at 0500 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VATICAN RADIO MASTS "CAUSING CANCER"
The Independent By Michael Day in Milan 15 July 2010
http://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/health-and-families/health-news/vatican-masts-blamed-for-causing-cancer-in-children-2026765.html

Radio masts operated by the Vatican's radio station are causing cancer in children, a medical expert has told a Rome court - resulting in six officials of the station being investigated for manslaughter.

The claims of Professor Andrea Micheli, from Milan's National Tumor Institute, focus on 19 child deaths from leukaemia or lymphoma between 1980 and 2003 in the Cesano area, north of Rome; Vatican Radio operates masts nearby in Santa Maria di Galeria.

Micheli, a professor of cancer epidemiology, says in his 300-page report: "The study suggests there was an important, coherent and significant link between residential exposure to the Vatican Radio structures and an excess risk of death from leukaemia and lymphoma in the children."

He said the raised cancer risk occurred in children under 14 who lived less than 7.5 miles from the masts. He also found evidence of a link between the radiation and adult cancers - but only among those who lived much closer to the antennae.

His investigation was ordered by the court five years ago after concerns were raised about an increased incidence of cancer in the area. As a result of Prof Micheli's evidence, six officials of Vatican Radio have been placed under investigation for manslaughter, by investigating magistrate Stefano Pesci.

The Vatican was quick to point out yesterday that the Italian Navy also operated radio masts in the area.

La Repubblica reported, however, that the leaked court report singled out the Vatican Radio masts as the likely cause, quoting it as saying: "It is due to exposure to the antennae of Vatican Radio and not that of the navy."

Father Federico Lombardi, the director general of Vatican Radio, said it had followed all regulations in setting up the masts. He also expressed concern that the report was leaked ahead of its official publication,

Vatican Radio, which was set up in 1931, broadcasts to 61 countries in 47 languages (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DXLD)

VATICAN RADIO REJECTS RADIATION CLAIM
Independent Catholic News By Claire Bergin July 14, 2010
http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news.php?viewStory=16503

Vatican Radio has dismissed press reports about new medical research commissioned by an Italian judge, alleging that electromagnetic radiation from the station's broadcasting towers is leading to an increased risk of cancer.

In a broadcast on Tuesday, Fr Federico Lombardi, director of Vatican Radio and the Vatican press office, said international scientific studies carried out in the past had never shown that such a connection exists. He said: "Vatican Radio will present its own comments and counter-deductions from its own technical consultants as soon as possible."

"It is important to remember, that Vatican Radio has always adhered to international norms concerning electromagnetic emissions limits," he said.

In 2001, the station entered into an agreement with Italy to adhere to even stricter limits so as to "carefully respond, as is due, to the potential concerns of nearby residents."

In 2005, Cardinal Roberto Tucci, a former president of Vatican Radio's management committee, and Fr Pasquale Borgomeo SJ, a former general director, were found guilty of the criminal charge of "dangerously showering objects" on residents near the transmission centre. Two years later the convictions were overturned by an appeals court.

A Rome source told ICN: "This is an old story. Berlusconi's relatives want the land and their first claim failed the simple test of evidence. Their next attempt was to use an old Italian law dating back to the days of bows and arrows which prohibited the throwing of dangerous objects. This was based on the premise that if people living near Santa Maria di Galeria need to put up a shield to protect their satellite dish from picking up Vatican Radio broadcasts, then something must have been thrown... ergo hoc...

"This story dates back to at least 2003. Their lawyer, Giacomo Ghisani said in 2007 that this was a typically Italian story that would go backwards and forwards because it raises the whole nature of the Lateran Pact and the nature of Vatican City. Can Italy arrest a Cardinal living on Vatican territory? If Vatican City is a sovereign

State, then has it the right to pursue its own objectives without interference from a neighbouring State?

"As a matter of fact, one of the reasons why Vatican City has photovoltaic cells on top of the roof of the audience hall is so that, if Italy were to decide to cut off the electricity supply for some reason, Vatican City could still generate at least some of its own power."

"The whole issue here is land which Berlusconi's relatives want for development and which he is determined to get by hook or by crook."

An Italian medical doctor commented: "this does sound like the start of the silly season to me. If a genuine scientific study has been conducted then the report should be made available for peer review." (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

More details: BBC News By David Willey Rome 14 July 2010
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-10634977

There is a "coherent and significant connection" between radiation from Vatican Radio aerials and childhood cancer, researchers have said. The Italian experts looked at high numbers of tumours and leukaemia in children who live close to Vatican Radio transmitters. The 60 antennas stand in villages and towns near Rome.

The Vatican said it was astonished and would present contrary views to a court in Rome. Italian courts have been investigating for 10 years whether of an abnormally high number of deaths from cancer among families living near the aerials just north of the Italian capital can be attributed to electromagnetic radiation.

The 300-page report, ordered by the courts and carried out by Italy's most prestigious cancer research hospital, now concludes that there is a connection between radiation and the cancer incidents.

Obsolete:

Some 60 huge steel aerials were erected on farmland owned by the Vatican during the last century. They transmit Vatican Radio programmes around the world on medium and short wave.

However, the technology is now largely obsolete, as Catholic radio stations in many countries rebroadcast Vatican Radio shows after picking them up on the Internet.

In one court case against the Vatican the statute of limitations ran out, but another case is still pending. The Vatican says it intends to

defend its position and claims there is no threat to public health through its transmissions.

People living near the aerials say the radio waves affect TV reception and interfere with many household electronic appliances (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DXLD)

Assumption, only the powerful 1530 kHz antenna was risk remarkable in 2001 year:

a - There are also rumours, that Mafia Real Estate firms would make intense efforts to buy that fillet property. This area is 2.5 x 2.6 kilometers w i d e .

b - risk of leukemia and lymphoma in children could also occur due of bad drinking water and lack of cleanness fresh air in the area.

In the court of 2001 year only the maximum output power of MW 1530 kHz was reduced so far. According Boel European MW list the output is now reduced to 150 kW only. Mediumwave 1530 4-mast array is about 900 to 1000 meters distance, look at Google Maps

http://maps.google.de/maps?
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http://www.panoramio.com/photo/24266380
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In contrast the distance of the shortwave antennas to surrounding property is about 1100 to 1500 meters. SW maximum radiation elevation angle is about in an vertical angle lobe of 6 to 24 degrees, and is not risk remarkable. 73 (Wolfgang B¸schel, mwdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DXLD)

** VENEZUELA. Mary O'Grady: CHAVEZ'S ASSAULT ON THE FREE PRESS -
http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052748703854904575359521906339794.html?
mod=ITP_opinion_0
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** VENEZUELA [and non]. GLOBOVISION PRESIDENT SAYS HE CANíT GO BACK TO VENEZUELA --- Has not decided whether to request asylum

Washington, D.C., July 15, 2010 - The president of Venezuela's independent GlobovisiÛn television station has told VOA that he is considering asking for political asylum in the United States.

In an exclusive interview with VOA's Foro Interamericano (Inter-American Forum), GlobovisiÛn President, Guillermo Zuloaga, said he "cannot go back to Venezuela," where he was briefly detained in March for criticizing the government of President Hugo Chavez.

In the interview, which airs Friday on VOA, Zuloaga said, "For the time being I am not returning to Venezuela. U.S. government officials, as well as attorneys, have recommended that I request political asylum, but I have not made a decision."

In June, the government ordered Zuloaga's arrest on charges that he and his son hoarded automobiles, allegations he denies.

Last week, Zuloaga left Venezuela and came to Washington where he met with officials of the Organization of American States to explain his case and the situation of freedom of the press in Venezuela.

VOA has been airing excerpts of the interview on radio, television (El Mundo al DÌa) and voanoticias.com. The entire interview will be aired Friday on Foro Interamericano.

Foro Interamericano is a 60-minute weekly TV discussion forum on current issues in the United States and around the world. The program features news and interviews with policy makers, along with roundtable discussions with journalists. The program airs Fridays at 8:30 a.m. EST (1330 UTC [sic]). VOA Spanish language programs are available online at http://www.VOANews.com/Spanish (VOA press release July 16 via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DXLD)

** VENEZUELA [non]. 11705, RNV via CUBA, July 16 at 1223 open carrier only --- or rather, turning volume all the way up, I can hear traces of Spanish not // RHC 11760. Still unsounding at 1253 check. Ship a few barrels of oil back to Caracas. Of course, at RNV HQ they don`t even know about any of the morning relays via Cuba which have been in effect for years, at 1000, 1100, 1200 and 1500.

6060, July 17 at 1133, very poorly modulated signal. RNV relay via CUBA is normally here at 11-12, but it sure doesn`t sound like them, and I am wondering if post-sunrise remnants from Argentina are arriving in its absence. Not even certain it`s Spanish, as talk segments are much weaker than music, sounds like Zamfir`s pan-flute at 1135. 1138 it peaks at S9+10, but talk is just barely modulated; 1139 a bit of Zamfir sufficiently modulated. Meanwhile RHC itself is stronger on 6110-with CCI from CNR1 jamming and VOA Tinian; 6150, 6180 with ACI from NHK 6185. Yes, on 6060 it was RNV, at 1155 its IS and ID JBA, then what sounded like the same IS replayed but slower and at much lower pitch, off at 1156:30*.

Next transmission is 1200 on 11705: checked at 1202, modulation is also bad, but better than 6060. Could be out-of-phase stereo canceling itself out in audio chain. Greeting male-users and female-users on much stronger signal.

With Copa Mundial distraxion over, will El Hugazo have resumed his nominal schedule for ``AlÛ, Presidente`` starting Sundays circa 1530 UT instead of 2230 and thus possiblizing its resumption on SW via CUBA? Yes! July 18 at 1630 check, VG signals on 13750, 12010, and even 17750, the latter somewhat undermodulated, as he discusses racism. Supposedly on two more frequencies, 13680 and 11690 but both these were open-carrier, like other RHC-only frequencies 11730, 11760 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. 5925, 2202-2220, Voice of Vietnam 2nd program, Hanoi, 13/07, Vietnamese, mostly YL/OM talks with musical fragments ñ fair with local noise, // http://vovnews.vn/?lang=2 (almost without any delay) (Mikhail Timofeyev, Saint Petersburg, Russia, Sangean 909, 15 metres long wire, July 19, HCDX via DXLD)

** VIETNAM. 9725, V of Vietnam, 1717 talk about people returning to Vietnam, and another cultural program. Couple pleasant songs. 1727 goodbyes by W host. Deadair 1728-1730, then ID by M in Vietnamese, and fanfare. Fair signal at best and fady. Decent signal in French at 1830. (5 July) (Dave Valko, Dunlo PA, HCDX via DXLD) [non]. Are you unaware this is via AUSTRIA, 100 kW, 300 degrees USward? (gh, DXLD)

** ZAMBIA. 4965, non-direxional 100 kW CVC, only extra-continental signal audible on 60m, July 17 at 0115, gospel rock but too much summer QRN level. It was #4 signal compared to WWCR 4840, WWV 5000 and Cuba 5025 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. After managing to modulate most of the week, KOKB, 1580, Blackwell OK was back to open carrier Friday July 16 at 1307 UT, so I strained to hear the weak stations underneath. All in English, but if KOKB can keep from modulating into Saturday we`ll have another try at the unID Spanish. Today one station is dominating with sports talk, about baseball, basketball, golf, not // ESPN on KCRC 1390. At 1343 another station fades up briefly with YL host, phone number starting with 944-, perhaps a local swap show somewhere.

1580, KOKB Blackwell OK cooperated again this Saturday by deleting modulation, but keeping carrier on to muscle aside the local noise level, which was rather severe, so I strain to hear the Spanish station underneath. There it is again, July 17 at 1343; slogans shouted at 1345, but can`t make out any ID. This is on the E-W longwire and FRG-7; then I try in the yard DX-398. Nothing in the NW/SE null of KOKB, and the Spanish seems roughly E-W. It does fade

completely out at times, and back in, so it`s likely remnant skywave, 2.5-3 hours after LSR, not groundwave.

One clue made it at 1407 during phone interview, mentioned ``a las 15 de la tarde``, which would more likely be a Mexicanism than an Americanism, such as XEDM Hermosillo, Sonora. Meanwhile I try to find a webstream for comparison, but no more luck than in 2007. Cant``s audio link leads to a squatter.

Wikipedia says they do run a ``RadioperiÛdico`` Saturday and Sunday mornings. Still bits of signal when I quit at 1429. If this really is XEDM, of course it should be in Spanish every day, not just Saturday --- altho long ago in the borderblaster era I think it did have some English. When I have checked under KOKB carrier on weekdays I have only heard something in English (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also OKLAHOMA

"Quince" or "cuarto"? I'd expect to hear something like "A las once y cuarto de la tarde" from a Mexican station. Nevertheless, once common in late evenings, XEDM has rarely been heard by me in the last 25 years or so in Kansas (Paul Swearingen, Topeka, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Quince of course, by itself, i.e. they were employing the 24-hour system (gh, DXLD)

I am not sure what Glenn had on 1580 daytimes in Spanish, but I will point out that my experience indicates that X-band like frequencies can sometimes get some day skip. Enid is also way far from another possibility or KIRT in the Rio Grande Valley.

On 1580 here in IL I get the WI station which has been ESPN Deportes ex Oldies for a while now. 73 KAZ remembering how as a kid in RI XEDM wasn`t hard late at night when the FF Canadian went off 35 years ago (Neil Kazaross, NRC-AM via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. A broadcast in French, with a news-talk format was observed on 3289.25 kHz on 16 July between 1907 and 1920 UT. The signal level was poor, but generally better than I have heard previously with Madagascar's 90 metre outlet, which was on 3288 kHz // 5010 when I last logged it on 25 April at 1830 UT. Madagascar 5010 was not on air at this time, with its scheduled signoff at 1900, so unclear whether I was listening to an extended transmission from Madagascar. Any suggestions as to identity? (Bryan Clark, Mangawhai, Northland, New Zealand, AOR7030+ and EWEs to the Americas, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. I heard an UNID station on 4795.94 kHz on Saturday, July 17, 2010 at 0304 UT (Friday night, 11:04pm in Bolivia). It could be

Radio Lipez from Uyuni, Bolivia. I have never heard this station so late, in fact I have never heard it at all despite almost daily monitoring of the 60 mb. Due to a heavy thunderstorm QRN it was not possible to determine the language. The music could be what is called "Indian". Really, only short fragments of male talk or music could be heard between lightning crashes. Maybe somebody could confirm the exact frequency? Thanks, (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, July 19, HCDX via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 16/17 July Band Scan 2330 to 0010: 4840 CW marker (Robert Wilkner, Pompano Beach, Florida, Drake R8 - Icom 746Pro DL - NRD 535D - 2010XA, 60 meter band dipole ~ Noise Reducing Antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ID? Before WWCR comes on, so did they agree to timeshare? Have never noticed CWQRM when `CR is on (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. I am listening to a fair level carrier on 5972.18 at 2330 UT. Anyone tracking a station on that freq at this time? I can't find any listing for it? Thanks (Chuck Bolland, FL, July 19, WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11600 & 11760 --- Re 10-28: ``CUBA. On 6060, 0000-0400 many days in June and July // 11760 (here with motor-boating jammer) in Spanish (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, July 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Certainly no one deliberately jamming RHC tho god knows they deserve it. Per Aoki, only CNR1 Shijiazhuang 723 site is scheduled on 11760 during those hours, tho elsewhen both RFA and SOH show on it (gh)``

I wonder if this 'motor boat' is the very fast dits that are often heard on 11760 - particularly when I listen at around 0600/0800 UT. In fact I can hear them now at 0915 QRMing the BBC on this frequency, but seemingly on LSB only. Some days it sends in a different mode, and a CW message has been heard at around 40 minutes past the hour. This transmission was listed as via the Russian air force from near Moscow - I'm not sure if it still is.

A very similar transmission was heard today (the 15th) causing interference to Prague on 11600 at 0700 UT, but is not audible currently. Why operate in a broadcast band I wonder? (Noel R. Green (NW England), 0930 UT July 15, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

We might also ask that of the TADIL-A bonkers, such as anvilling away on 11740 around 2100 UT July 19, and many other times (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 12015, just as I tuned in, July 16 at 1351, a strong tone test went off. Likely VOA Greenville-B setting up for the 17-19

UT English broadcast to Africa vs perpetual 12015 RTTY (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 12080, VOA English at 1252 July 21, poor. I first reported this almost two months ago, May 27, but none of the online lists yet show it at this time to determine the site, just Botswana until 0700, and S„o TomÈ starting at 1400.

Does VOA at least have the frequency, if not the site, on its schedule for English by now? O no, the page I have bookmarked for this, http://www1.voanews.com/english/about/frequenciesAtoZ_e.cfm now produces a 404, page cannot be found (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Note slight difference in the URL http://author.voanews.com/english/about/frequenciesAtoZ_a.cfm It just worked for me, albeit slowly 73 (Kim Elliott, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That does show 1200-1300 on 12075 for ``English to Far East Asia, South Asia, and Oceania``. I sure thought I was getting it on 12080 but will have to recheck. 12075 IS listed elsewhere, switching from Iranawila to Tinang at 1230 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15760, July 21 at 1233, poor signal with tone test, I think, rather than a heterodyne. Nothing definite is known active here, but 15760 was one of the frequencies RNW used from Bonaire for World Cup specials, and a TDP analog special earlier. And it was used by that strange Sunday special, ``UK Rock`s The World``, a couple times from the UKOGBANI, both at somewhat later hours. 15760 is also a wooden registration for SLBC Sri Lanka Hindi service, should they ever really have one in the local evening. And Sound of Hope, consequently ChiCom jamming could land anywhere (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also SRI LANKA

UNIDENTIFIED. 17895, steady open carrier at 1435 July 17; 1436 a bit of tone test, 1437 off. Probably VOA Greenville-B setting up for 1700-1730 English to Africa (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. This summer`s sporadic-E VHF DX season has gone from almost daily openings, to less frequently as in mid-July we pass the peak --- but there should be some more, if we can catch them, thru mid-August.

No tipoff from WWCR 15825, JBA, but July 15 at 1337, 1356 I am getting occasional signs of skip on channel 2 in Spanish, maybe from Mexico, altho 6m Es map shows contacts between SE US as far as Oklahoma, and Cuba/Jamaica/Turks & Caicos. At 1535 what little I am getting on ch A2

seems from S rather than SE (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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Thanks for all the years of service to the hobby. I would never had had half the fun without your knowledge, Glenn! This is in memory to a very dear friend of mine, John Bryant (Walter Salmaniw, BC, with a contribution via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com)

Thanks for your good work and 73 from Outback New South Wales (David Sharp, with a contribution to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702 USA)

Thanks to Fred Jodry for a contribution in the p-mail to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702 (gh) All three acknowledged on WOR 1522

LANGUAGE LESSONS See PHILIPPINES
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MW AND FM LISTENING AND DXING AREN`T WHAT THEY USED TO BE

The luster of MW DXing has faded for me over the years, too. The changing complexion of the MW band and how it has become a syndicate-driven talk wasteland is why it is no fun anymore. It's not even a matter of being more of a challenge now, but rather more of a sorry pain in the ass because of how he broadcast industry has put profit way ahead of the basic palatability of their product. I'll gladly listen to (or through) a crappy mono AM broadcast of an oldies format with live DJ any day over a syndicated bunch of hot-air with spin on some major metro 50 kW signal.

Back in the 70's and 80's when we actually had AM stations that ID'ed after every second song (or more) with a vertical and breathing DJ at the mic, it was very fun and interesting to DX because you were literally taking a trip around the continent with a spin of the dial on your radio. And, you actually had ads for LOCAL businesses (not national ads), and weather forecasts on the 30-min that could clue you into where your station was from.

Nowadays, you have several stations on the same channel, sometimes having the exact same satellite feed at times, so good luck with getting IDs. Plus, do I REALLY want to wade through 30 minutes of sports chatter or right-wing conspiracy theories to catch the ID of
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what signal I have on or behind that station? (Some IDs are now being digitally time-compressed so as to take less than 0.5 sec, slid in between a slogan somewhere).

It has indeed become really bad; but is PRIMARILY a U.S. issue. No other country that I am aware of appears to be suffering with this same problem on their AM band (being mainly all-talk, and lack of local programming or IDs), except perhaps Canada, simply because they're just shutting down their AMs, and have to deal with our mess on their AM band at night.

Even FM DXing is very difficult now - you have to deal with a slogan rather than call letters, and lots (I mean LOTS) of 'dot-com' and '1-800' telephone number based national ads, which do not necessarily give you an inkling where your station is from (and most FMs don't put call letters on their RDS or iBOC, but rather their name or slogan).

I tried daytime DXing on FM last week during my trip to Venice, Louisiana during tropo conditions with RDS, and also to try for groundwave AMs making the trip across the Gulf (yes, many were as far away as Cuba). But having to listen over an hour for a call-lettered ID on a single channel having several stations on it is ridiculous. I guess an iPhone is an absolute necessity when you DX nowadays so you can research the Web for a station by slogan or to see who has a certain format or talk show lineup at a particular time and frequency.

When I was 6 years old, my very first AM station list that I used for DXing was the back 2 pages of a State Farm Road Atlas which listed all the 50 kW AM radio stations in the U.S. and Canada by call letters, frequency, and format. That station list, along with my 8-transistor Philco and earphone, and a flashlight under the covers was all I needed to have hours of fun at night (Darwin Long, Simi Valley, CA, ABDX via DXLD)

For me, it was always about the music. So MW / AM DX died for me when the band migrated to the piddle, drivel, and swill of talk, sports, and foreign.

FM DX was a logical progression as music left the AM band for FM. The 300 mile plus stuff was amazing, and for a teenager stuck in the heart of redneck, Texas, it was welcome relief from country bumpkin fare available locally. Or censored top-40.

My bad luck was to have changing musical taste - I switched to Contemporary Christian - only to have it taken over by the praise and worship and hymn crowd. So with the demise of most Christian rock - I had no uplifting music available. Until streaming, that is - which I do enthusiastically on the few channels that still offer Christian

rock - not wimped out praise music.

Bottom line - for me DX was always a pain in the posterior more than a hobby - you do what you have to do to get the music you like. If the local stations won't play it - dump them for something better. I ate static for years and years because the local radio absolutely sucked. If I could even get what I wanted by DX'ing, I'd still eat static. But it isn't available so I don't DX, I stream. I know for some it is a fun hobby and I've had fun doing it on occasion, but for me it was and is about music and if I had what I wanted locally, I'd set the dial there and be content (Bruce Carter, TX, ibid.)

SHORTWAVE - IS IT STILL WORTH IT?

The RadioReference.com Forums discuss this issue and many more at http://forums.radioreference.com/

What is the state of the Shortwave Art at this point? Has the Internet murdered it - or mortally wounded it? Here's a typical contribution:

"Back in the 1980s people were saying that AM radio is obsolete, predicting it wouldn't even be around by the new millennium. Well, AM (MW) broadcast stations are much more popular now than they were then. There's some weird, natural human tendency to keep predicting the demise of radio. Now I see a lot of people thinking that about shortwave. I honestly don't understand the rationale behind that thinking either. Because, in the event that new tech communications systems fail, which they can, well radio has to be there. Like a duty. It ain't going nowhere, its not waining out. Only in peoples imaginations it is. Larry Lanberg Richmond VA"

(Mike Terry, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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NUMBERS STATIONS: MYSTERY OVER THE AIRWAVES

Hi Glenn, I heard this story over my local NPR station from NYC this afternoon (17 July 2010). The full story can be audio downloaded at http://www.npr.org

Additional information relating to numbers stations is also available at http://www.irdial.com/conet.htm and http://www.spynumbers.com

Shortwave was described by Mark Stout, historian at the International Spy Museum as an "antiquated technology" that does not leave any traceability, since the data is collected via paper and pencil, using

a shortwave radio. The audio download contains clips from numbers stations (Ed Insinger, Summit, NJ, July 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

by NPR Staff, July 17, 2010, Radio tower [caption?]

Numbers stations are unlicensed, which makes it hard to figure out where they're broadcasting from.

In the shadowy corners of the shortwave radio spectrum, you can often find mysterious mechanical voices counting off endless strings of numbers ó in English, Czech, Russian and German Ö even Morse code. But who's listening?

The voices are coming from what are known as "numbers stations," and they've long been thought to be part of international espionage operations. In fact, the Russian spies recently captured here in the U.S. may have been getting orders from Moscow via a shortwave numbers station.

Mark Stout is the official historian at the International Spy Museum. He tells NPR's Guy Raz that the stations are unlicensed, which makes it hard to figure out where they're broadcasting from. And the mystery only deepens: No government has ever officially admitted to using numbers stations. No one's really sure when the stations began broadcasting, though they're most likely a Cold War-era invention.

And, Stout says, no matter how advanced modern computer cryptography is, good old shortwave is often the best option for getting messages to spies in the field.

"Because [a message] can be broadcast over such an enormous area, you can be transmitting to an agent who may be thousands of miles away," he says. And, he adds, computer communications almost always leave traces. "It's really hard to erase data out of your hard drive or off a memory stick," he says. "But all you need here is a shortwave radio and pencil and paper." (via Insinger, DXLD) continued:

Thousands of enthusiasts all over the world track numbers station broadcasts, but no one's been able to crack them yet. Stout says that's because the transmissions use an unbreakable encryption system called a one-time pad: encryption key is completely random and changes with every message.

"You really truly cryptanalytically have no traction getting into a one-time pad system," Stout says. "None at all."

But if you still want to have a go at it, get a shortwave radio and start listening. Stout says there are plenty of websites that list the

stations that may be on the air right now.

Listen to the story [4 min 58 sec]
http://www.npr.org/templates/player/mediaPlayer.html?
action=1&t=1&islist=false&id=128586766&m=128590838

http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=128586766
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB See IRELAND
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See ERITREA; INDIA; LIBYA; USA WYFR
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See also CANADA; USA: Kansas
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24-2 KYINSD1
24-3 KYINSD2

To see this one, I had to aim my antenna around 40 degrees, instead of the proper 140 degrees. I was previously puzzled on a few occasions when I was able to log KAWB-28, Brainerd MN, but from around 250 degrees, instead of the proper 326 degrees. There was never a trace of signal bar on the proper heading.

If finally dawned on me that my preamp is overloading when I aim the antenna at the Twin Cities Shoreview antenna site, 12 miles at 324 degrees. When signals were analog, overload was obvious. With digital, there is no clear indication on screen.

When these signals get strong enough, I can log them on antenna side lobes, with the locals attenuated. Brainerd is only a couple of degrees off the Shoreview heading. K38LE is only a few degrees off the Shoreview reverse heading. Nice to see the stations, but a shame to think of what could be missed. If I still had 7' parabolics like I had in North Dakota, with these slight heading offsets and the parabolic's lesser side lobes, I may not be able to log these two at all!
(Fred McCormack, Maplewood MN, Winegard CH-9095, Winegard AP-4700,

Insignia NS-DXA1, July 19, WTFDA via DXLD)

The above could explain why I am not getting my only local DTV, KXOK-31 when I aim antenna directly at it, but instead some 50 degrees away. I also sometimes get decode from it when aimed completely away at odd direxions, but never right at it. As someone pointed out before, the `signal` bar on the DTV converters does *not* strictly indicate raw signal strength, but ``decodability``. It never reaches the level indicated from OKC stations, however, which never show any overload problem (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PROPAGATION
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Geomagnetic field activity ranged from quiet to minor storm levels. Mostly quiet conditions occurred until late on 14 July. Activity increased to unsettled to minor storm levels during 14/2100 - 15/0300 UTC. Activity decreased to quiet to unsettled levels for the rest of 15 July with some active periods detected at high latitudes. Activity decreased to mostly quiet levels for the remainder of the period. ACE solar wind data indicated the increased activity during 14 - 15 July was due to a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream (CH HSS). The disturbance began with the arrival late on 14 July of a co-rotating interaction region (CIR) in advance of the CH HSS. Interplanetary magnetic field activity during the CIR included increased total field intensity (peak 18 nT at 14/2154 UTC) and intermittent periods of southward Bz (maximum deflection -16 nT at 14/2234 UTC). Solar wind velocities increased during 14 - 15 July and reached a peak of 505 km/sec at 15/0311 UTC. Velocities began to gradually decrease around midday on 15 July.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 21 JULY - 16 AUGUST 2010

Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels during most of the period. However, there is a chance for isolated C-class flares from Region 1089 until it departs the visible disk on 01 August. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach high levels during 26 July - 07 August. Normal to moderate flux levels are expected during the remainder of the period. Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet levels from 21 July through most of 22 July. Activity is expected to increase to unsettled levels late on 22 July as a recurrent coronal hole high-speed stream (CH HSS) begins to disturb the field. Quiet to unsettled levels with a chance for brief active periods are expected during 23 - 29 July as CH HSS effects persist. Activity is expected to decrease to quiet levels during 30 July - 10 August. Activity is expected to increase to quiet to unsettled levels with a chance for brief active periods during 11 -

12 August due to a recurrent CH HSS. Quiet conditions are expected during 13 - 16 August.

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27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
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# UTC Date	Radio Flux 10.7 cm	Planetary A Index	Largest Kp Index
2010 Jul 21	82	5	2
2010 Jul 22	82	7	3
2010 Jul 23	82	10	4
2010 Jul 24	80	10	4
2010 Jul 25	80	7	3
2010 Jul 26	78	7	3
2010 Jul 27	76	10	4
2010 Jul 28	74	10	4
2010 Jul 29	74	8	3
2010 Jul 30	72	5	2
2010 Jul 31	72	5	2
2010 Aug 01	72	5	2
2010 Aug 02	72	5	2
2010 Aug 03	74	5	2
2010 Aug 04	76	5	2
2010 Aug 05	78	5	2
2010 Aug 06	80	5	2
2010 Aug 07	80	5	2
2010 Aug 08	80	5	2
2010 Aug 09	80	5	2
2010 Aug 10	78	5	2
2010 Aug 11	78	8	3
2010 Aug 12	78	10	4
2010 Aug 13	78	5	2
2010 Aug 14	78	5	2
2010 Aug 15	80	5	2
2010 Aug 16	82	5	2

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1522, DXLD)

TIPS FOR RATIONAL LIVING
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ATHEISTS BREAK OUT NEW RITUAL TOOL: THE BLOW-DRYER

Nonbelievers Adopt Provocative Ceremony to Make a Point About Baptism
By DAN HARRIS, ERIC JOHNSON and MARY FLYNN July 16, 2010

Wielding a blow-dryer, a leading atheist conducted a mass "de-baptism" of fellow non-believers and symbolically dried up the offending waters that were sprinkled on their foreheads as young children. . .
http://abcnews.go.com/Nightline/atheists-conduct-de-baptisms/story?id=11109379

Video:
http://abcnews.go.com/Nightline/video/war-religion-atheism-church-leader-priest-11185937
(via DXLD)

DR. ED BUCKNER ON WWZN (BOSTON, 1510 AM) INTERNET THIS SATURDAY
JULY 24, 2010 -- 10:00 AM ET ~ Glen Beck, The Founders, Atheism & More

Dr. Ed Buckner, President of American Atheists, will be the guest on The Samantha Clemens Show" this Saturday, July 24, 2010 The show airs from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM on WWZN Boston, 1510 AM and will be streamed live on the internet.
To access the program, visit http://samanthaclemens.com/

Glen Beck is on a crusade; a self-appointed prophet of God, the Founding Fathers, and anyone else he can think of. According to him, social justice is wicked. Collective salvation is what liberals are trying to get by taking wealth from individuals and spreading to the needy. And atheists are to blame for it all. As reported in the Utah NewsÖ

First, though, he asked the audience to visualize a pyramid illustrating his view of how liberals are attacking Americaís foundation. Originally, he said, America was built on God at its base and personal charity (as opposed to government welfare) at its center, with government occupying only the pointy, narrow top, doing only the things people couldnít do for themselves. Now, he argued, the U.S. government has reversed the equation, insinuating itself into all aspects of life while pushing God aside.

ìThere is a perversion of faith right now,î he said, ìa wicked, wicked perversion. And it is all about social justice. It is all about collective salvation. Itís actually all about Marxism.î

Collective salvation, he said, is a liberal goal meant to force individuals into doing the right thing by taking wealth from them and spreading it to the needy. In his view, he said, salvation only comes when individuals accept God. Utah News, July 18, 2010.

Weíre going to get a real live atheist on the show to explain why he

wants to destroy America by imposing Marxism and thus thwarting the Founding Fathers, who apparently werenít deists or atheistsÖ except they were. Interestingly, even faith organizations are protesting Beckís characterizations ñ weíll look into that as well.

WHO & WHAT: Dr. Ed Buckner, President of the American Atheists live on The Samantha Clemens Show and on the internet.
WHEN: This Saturday, July 24, 2010 from 10 AM - 11 AM ET. [14-15 UT]
WHERE: WWZN radio Boston, 1510 on the AM dial, internet at http://samanthaclemens.com/
MORE INFO: http://samanthaclemens.com

(AMERICAN ATHEISTS is a nationwide movement that defends civil rights for nonbelievers; works for the total separation of church-temple-mosque and State; and addresses issues of First Amendment public policy.") (AA News Alert via DXLD) ####